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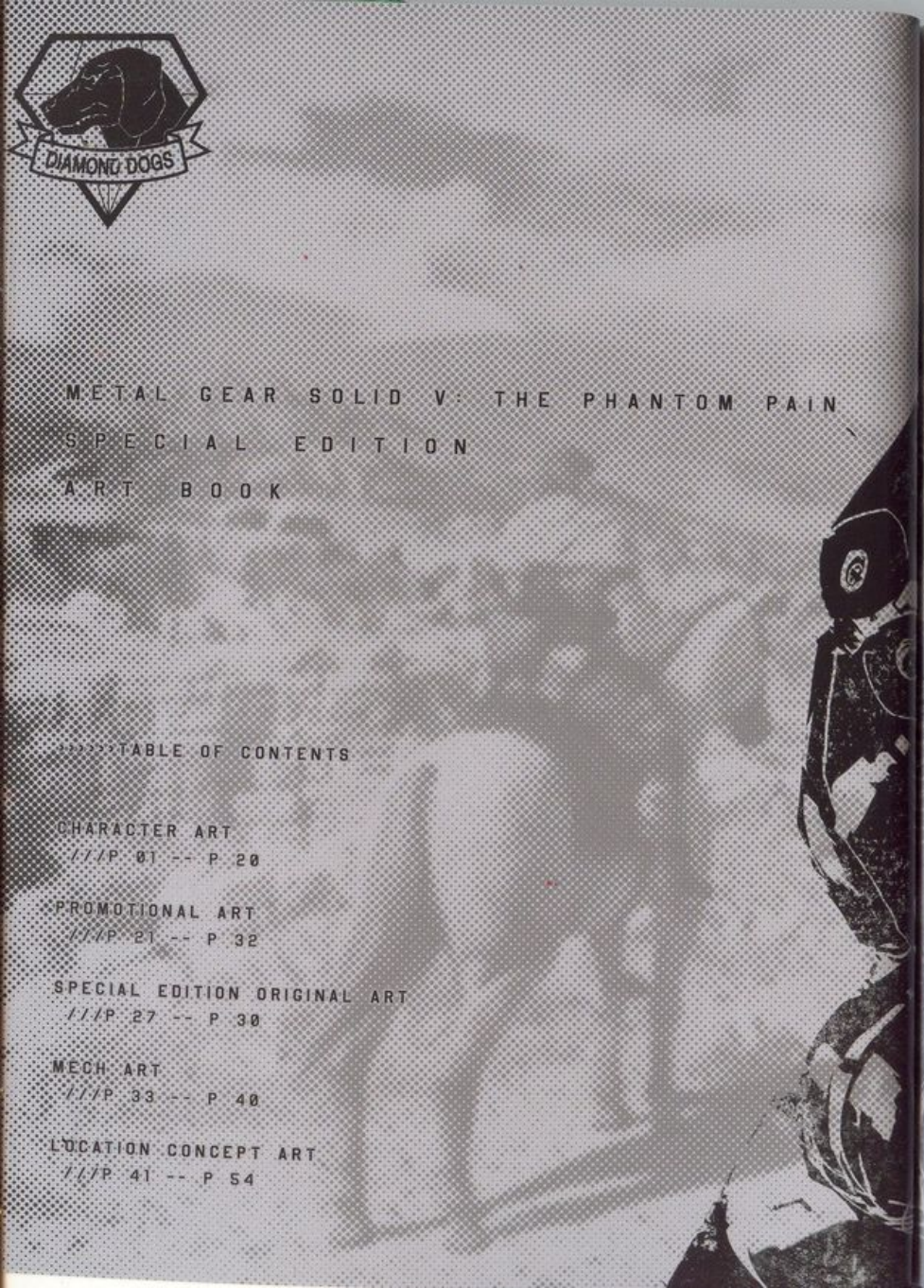

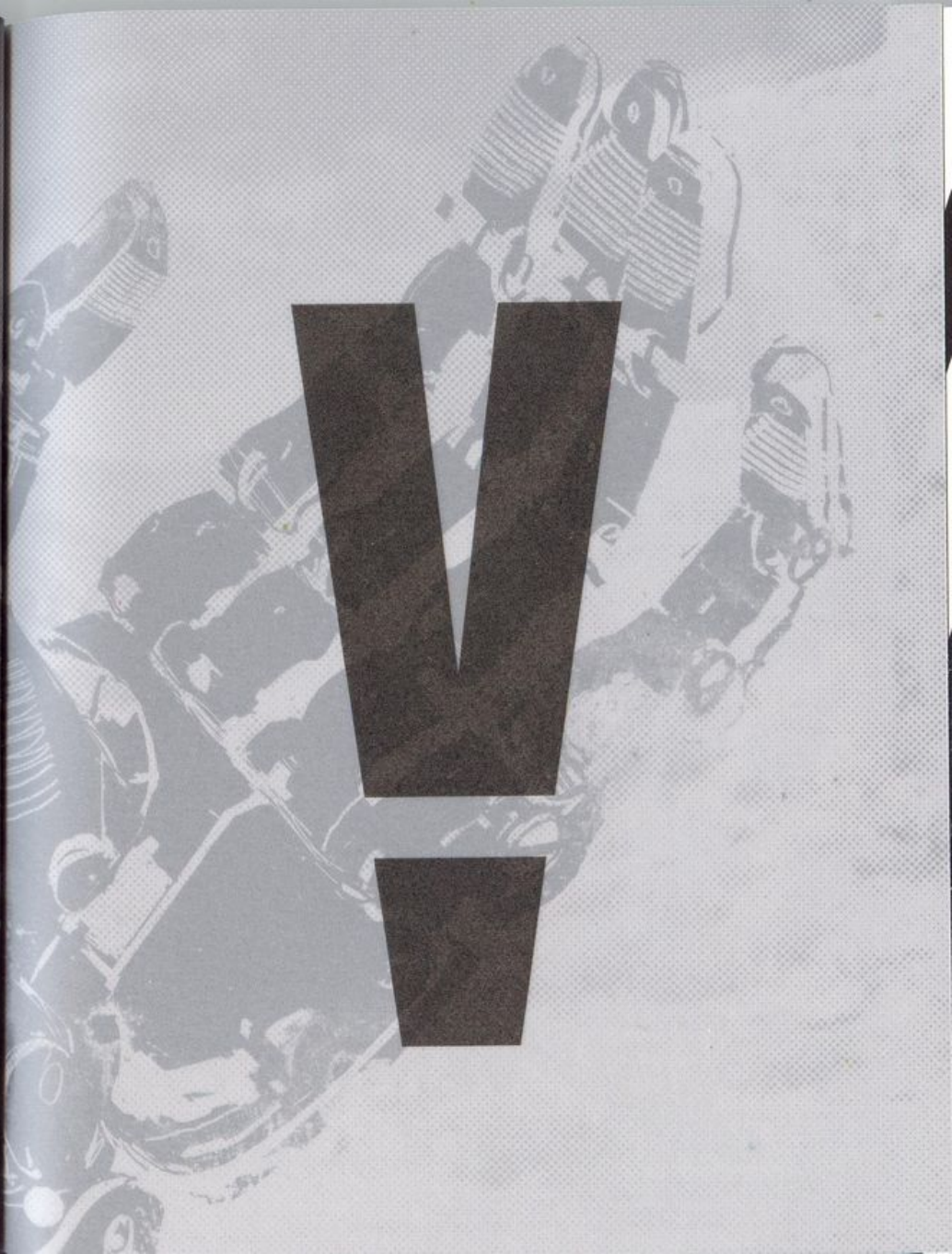

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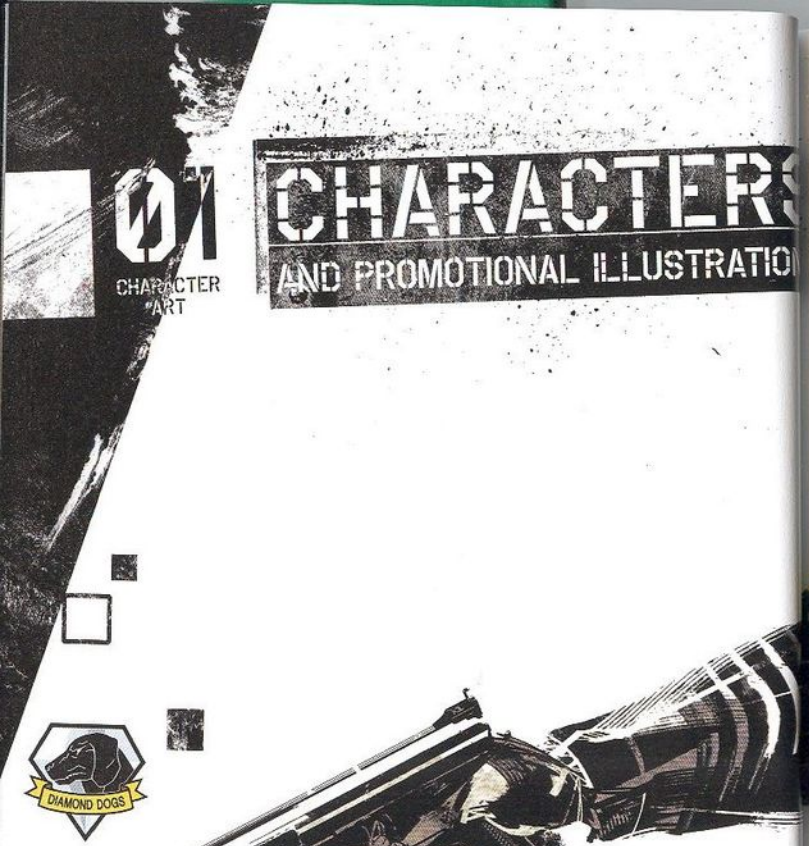
CHARACTER ART

CHARACTERS

AND PROMOTIONAL ILLUSTRATIO



DIAMOND DOGS

PUNISHED "VENOM" SNAKE

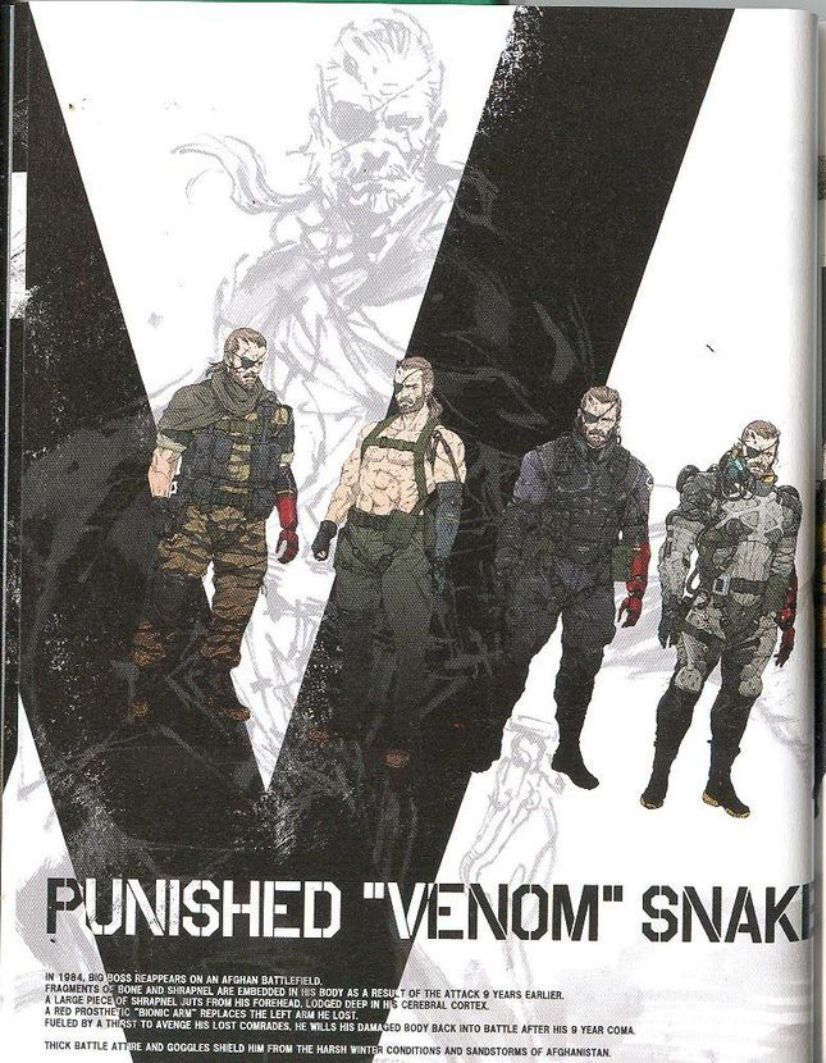
FORMER AGENT IN THE CIA SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION FOX. CODENAME: SNAKE.
A "LEGENDARY MERCENARY" WHO SAVED THE WORLD FROM THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION.
TRAINED BY THE BOSS, A WOMAN REGARDED AS THE "MOTHER OF THE WORLD'S SPECIAL FORCES."
SNAKE WAS AWARDED THE TITLE "BIG BOSS" BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT UPON COMPLETING A MISSION TO ASSASSINATE HIS MENTOR IN 1964.

FOLLOWING THE MISSION, SNAKE PARTED WAYS WITH HIS COMMANDER, MAJOR ZERO,
AND ESTABLISH AN ARMY WITHOUT A NATION IN SOUTH AMERICA WITH KAZUHIRA MILLER.
AN OFF-SHORE PLANT IN THE CARIBBEAN COAST WOULD SERVE AS THEIR "MOTHER BASE."
HOWEVER, A PLOT TO DESTROY THE ORGANIZATION WOULD END WITH SNAKE AND MOTHER BASE BEING LOST IN 1975.

I WON'T SEE YOU END AS ASHES.
YOU'RE ALL DIAMONDS.

WE'LL MAKE DIAMONDS FROM THEIR ASHES.
TAKE THEM INTO BATTLE WITH US.

WE ARE DIAMOND DOGS.



PUNISHED "VENOM" SNAKE

IN 1984, BIG BOSS REAPPEARS ON AN AFGHAN BATTLEFIELD.
FRAGMENTS OF BONE AND SHRAPNEL ARE EMBEDDED IN HIS BODY AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK 9 YEARS EARLIER.
A LARGE PIECE OF SHRAPNEL JUTS FROM HIS FOREHEAD, LODGED DEEP IN HIS CEREBRAL CORTEX.
A RED PROSTHETIC "BIONIC ARM" REPLACES THE LEFT ARM HE LOST.
FUELED BY A THIRST TO AVENGE HIS LOST COMRADES, HE WILLS HIS DAMAGED BODY BACK INTO BATTLE AFTER HIS 9 YEAR COMA.

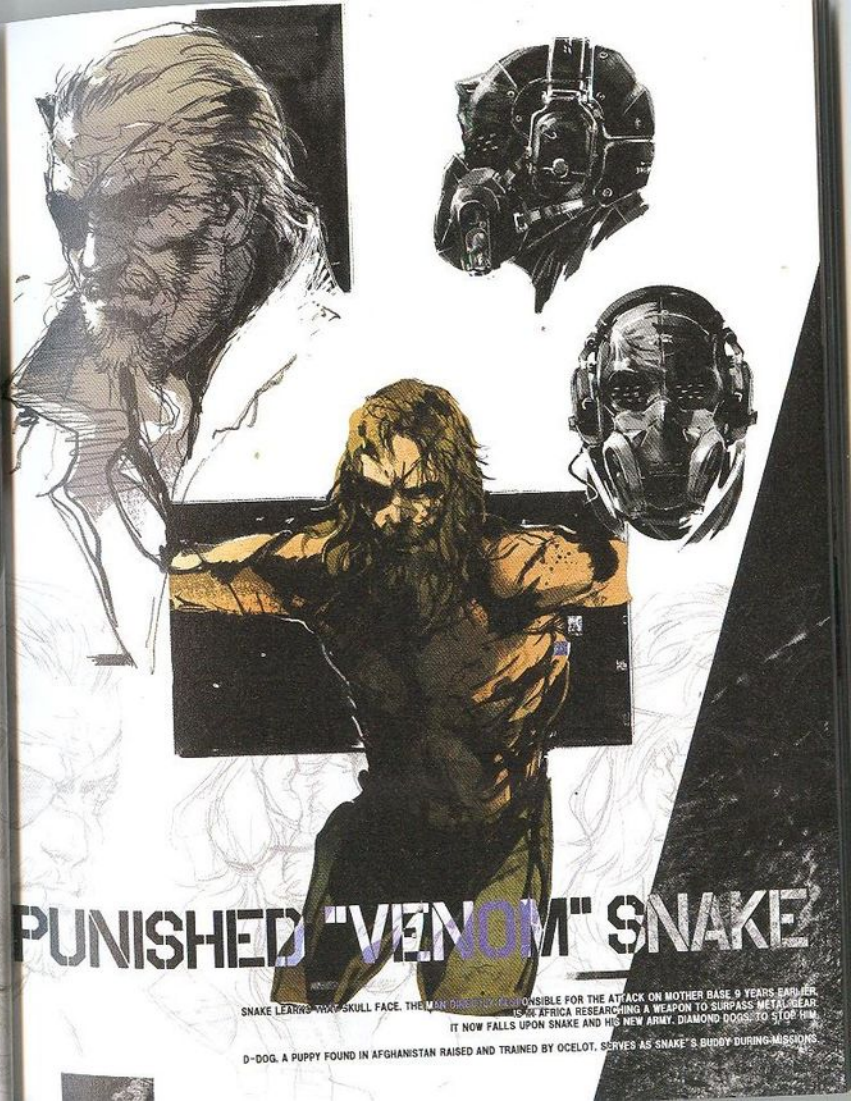
THICK BATTLE ATTIRE AND GOGGLES SHIELD HIM FROM THE HARSH WINTER CONDITIONS AND SANDSTORMS OF AFGHANISTAN.

I KNOW.
I'M ALREADY A DEMON...

HEAVEN'S NOT MY KIND OF PLACE, ANYWAY.

WE HAVE RULES AROUND HERE.

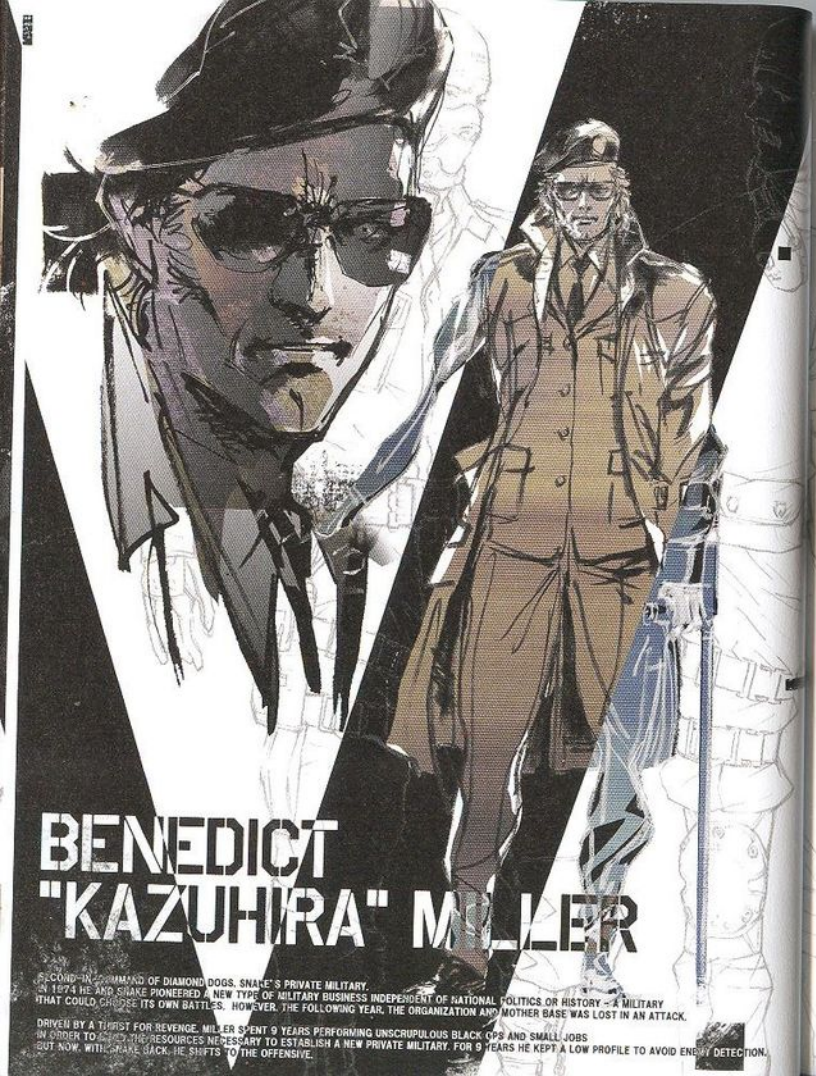
NEVER DRAW A WEAPON ON A FELLOW SOLDIER.
YOU GOT THAT?



PUNISHED "VENOM" SNAKE

SNAKE LEARNS THAT SKULL FACE, THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON MOTHER BASE 9 YEARS EARLIER, IS IN AFRICA RESEARCHING A WEAPON TO SURPASS METAL GEAR. IT NOW FALLS UPON SNAKE AND HIS NEW ARMY, DIAMOND DOGS, TO STOP HIM.

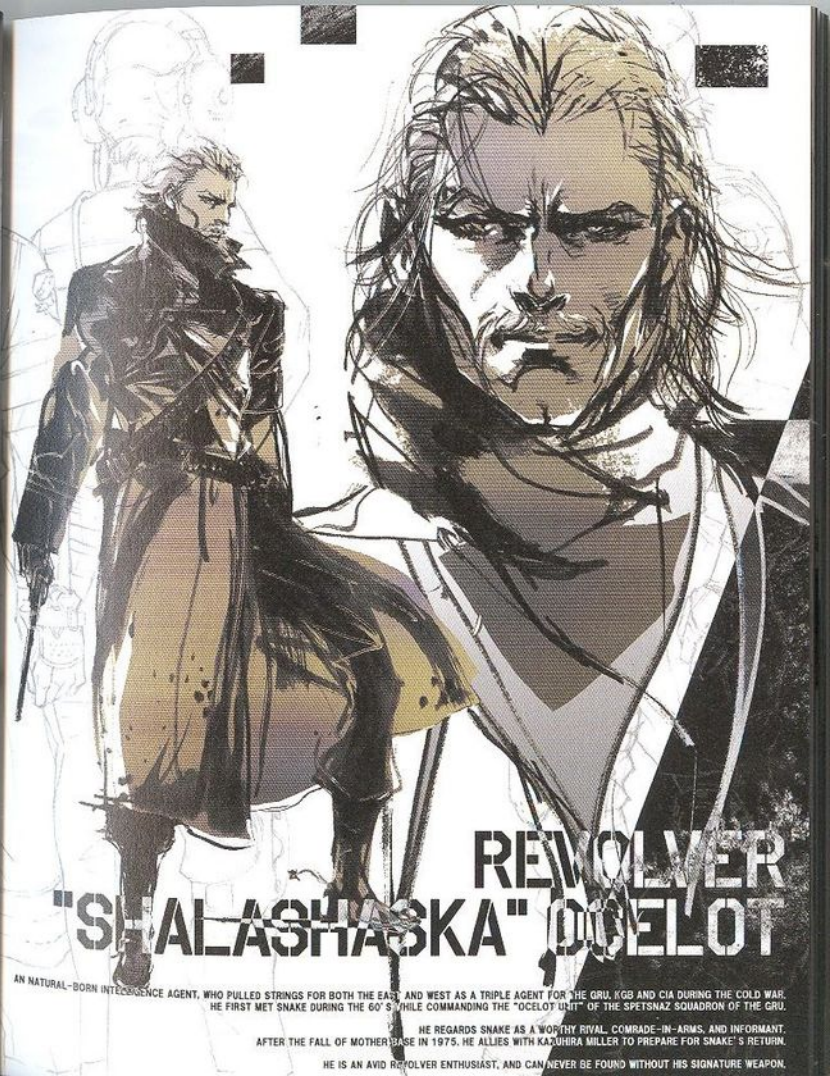
D-DOG. A PUPPY FOUND IN AFGHANISTAN RAISED AND TRAINED BY OCELOT. SERVES AS SNAKE'S BUDDY DURING MISSIONS.



BENEDICT "KAZUHIRA" MILLER

RECORD-IN-COMMAND OF DIAMOND DOGS, SNAKE'S PRIVATE MILITARY.
IN 1974 HE AND SNAKE PIONEERED A NEW TYPE OF MILITARY BUSINESS INDEPENDENT OF NATIONAL POLITICS OR HISTORY – A MILITARY THAT COULD CHOOSE ITS OWN BATTLES. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE ORGANIZATION AND MOTHER BASE WAS LOST IN AN ATTACK.

DRIVEN BY A THIRST FOR REVENGE, MILLER SPENT 9 YEARS PERFORMING UNSCRUPULOUS BLACK OPS AND SMALL JOBS IN ORDER TO AMASS THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A NEW PRIVATE MILITARY. FOR 9 YEARS HE KEPT A LOW PROFILE TO AVOID ENEMY DETECTION. BUT NOW, WITH SNAKE BACK, HE SHIFTS TO THE OFFENSIVE.



REVOLVER "SHALASHASKA" OCELOT

AN NATURAL-BORN INTELLIGENCE AGENT, WHO PULLED STRINGS FOR BOTH THE EAST AND WEST AS A TRIPLE AGENT FOR THE GRU, KGB AND CIA DURING THE COLD WAR. HE FIRST MET SNAKE DURING THE 60'S WHILE COMMANDING THE "OCELOT UNIT" OF THE SPETSNAZ SQUADRON OF THE GRU.

HE REGARDS SNAKE AS A WORTHY RIVAL, COMRADE-IN-ARMS, AND INFORMANT. AFTER THE FALL OF MOTHER BASE IN 1975, HE ALLIES WITH KAZUHIRA MILLER TO PREPARE FOR SNAKE'S RETURN.

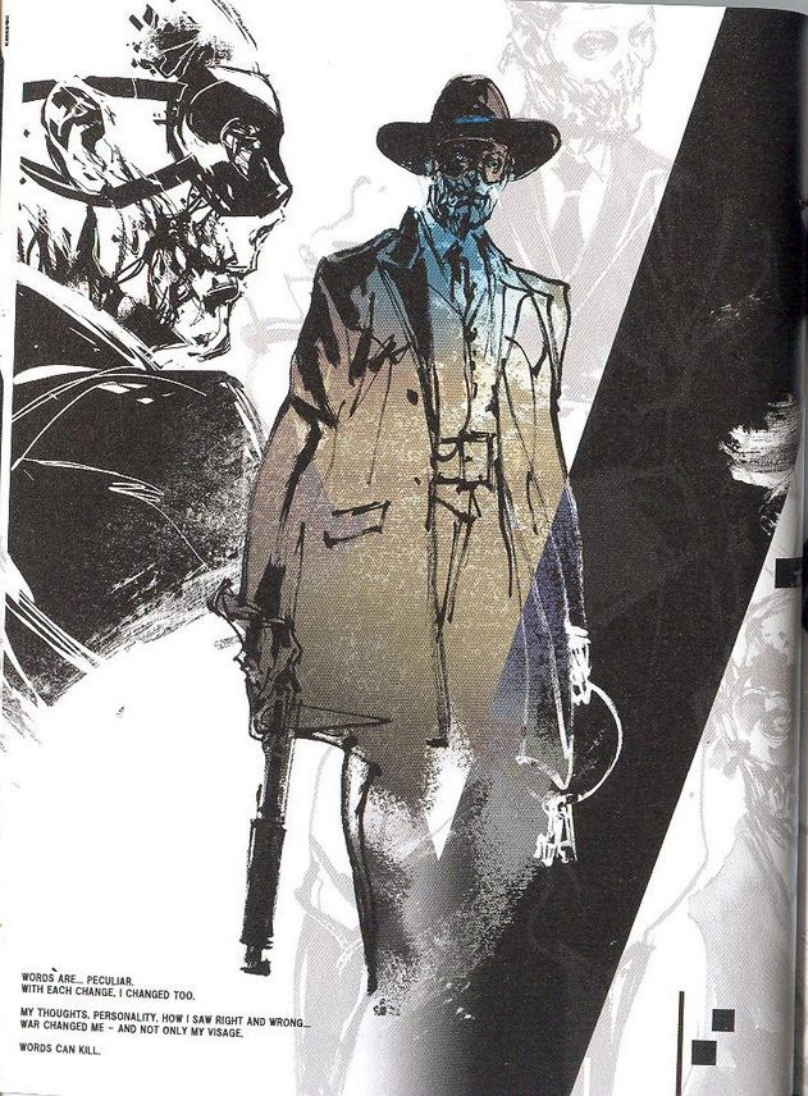
HE IS AN AVID REVOLVER ENTHUSIAST, AND CAN NEVER BE FOUND WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE WEAPON.

"QUIET"

A SCOUT AND SNIPER WHOSE SPECIAL ABILITIES ALLOW HER TO STALK HER PREY WITHOUT BEING SEEN OR HEARD. TO THE SOVIETS SHE IS FEARED AS ТИХИЙ, WHICH MEANS "QUIET."

TRUE TO HER NAME, SHE NEVER SPEAKS, ANSWERS TO INTERROGATION, OR EVEN COMMUNICATES THROUGH WRITING. DESPITE THIS, SHE GROWS TO SHARE A BOND OF MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING WITH SNAKE.

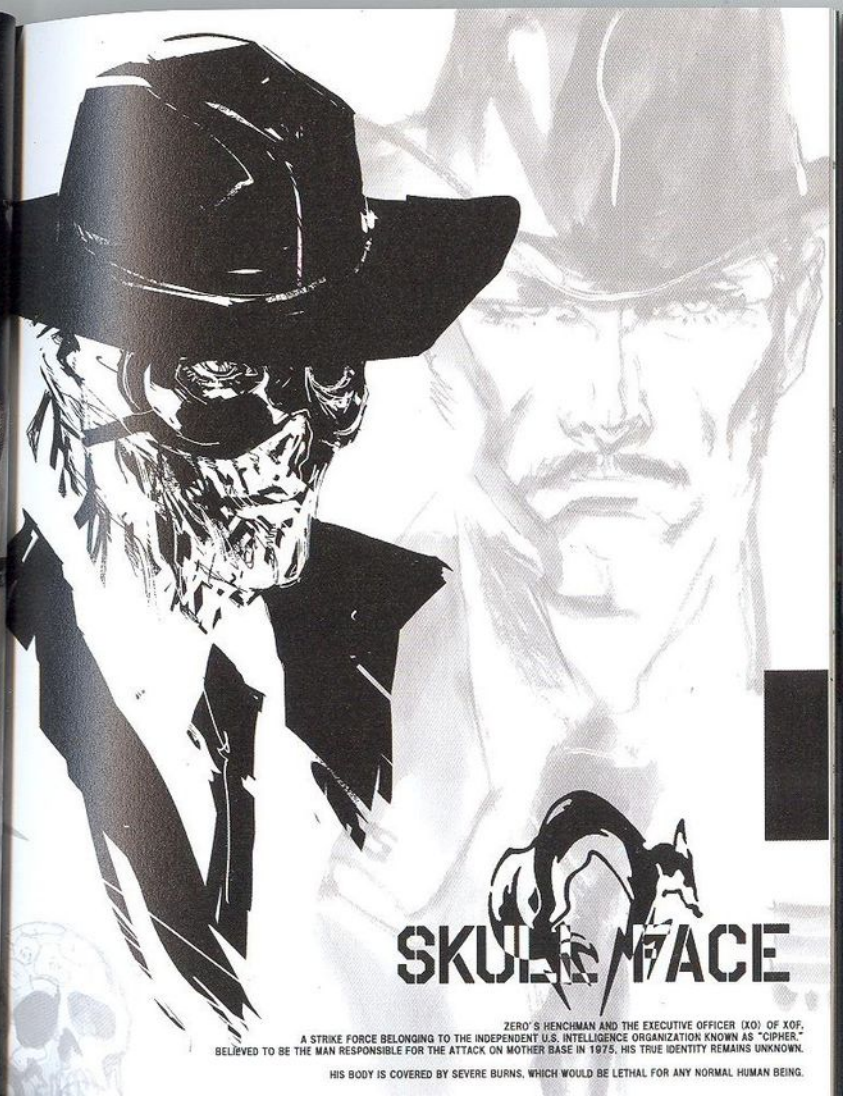
QUIET CAME HERE TO FULFILL SOME OBJECTIVE. TO KILL YOU. MAYBE TO DESTROY DIAMOND DOGS.



WORDS ARE... PECULIAR.
WITH EACH CHANGE, I CHANGED TOO.

MY THOUGHTS. PERSONALITY. HOW I SAW RIGHT AND WRONG...
WAR CHANGED ME – AND NOT ONLY MY VISAGE.

WORDS CAN KILL.

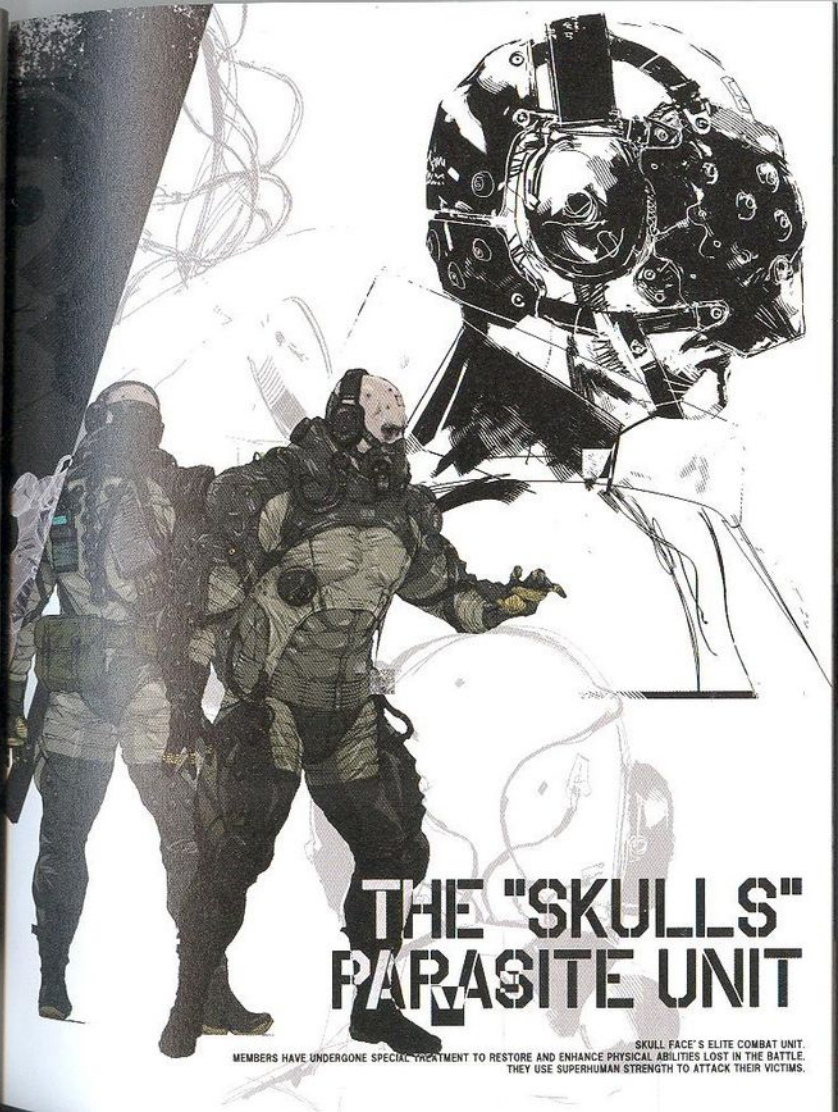


SKULL FACE

ZERO'S HENCHMAN AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (XO) OF XOF, A STRIKE FORCE BELONGING TO THE INDEPENDENT U.S. INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "CIPHER." BELIEVED TO BE THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON MOTHER BASE IN 1975. HIS TRUE IDENTITY REMAINS UNKNOWN.

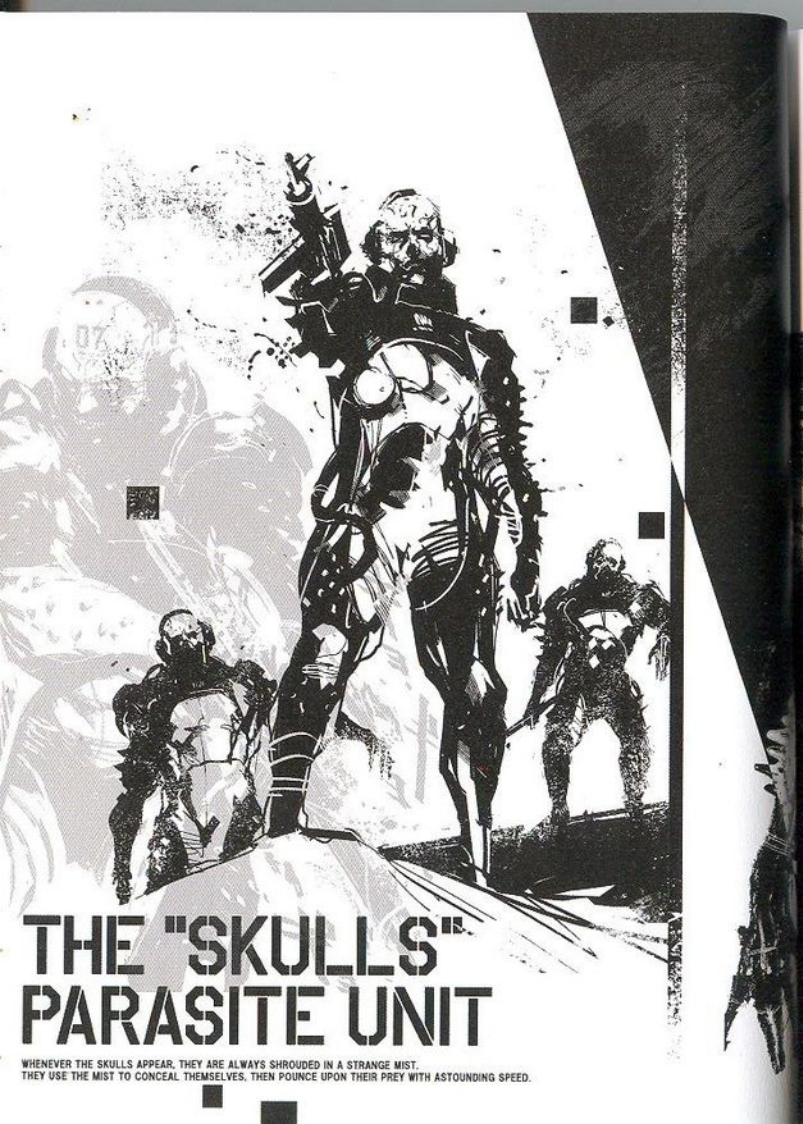
HIS BODY IS COVERED BY SEVERE BURNS, WHICH WOULD BE LETHAL FOR ANY NORMAL HUMAN BEING.

BOSS.
WHATEVER THAT MIST IS, IT'S ALL AROUND YOU.
WE CAN'T SEE THROUGH IT.



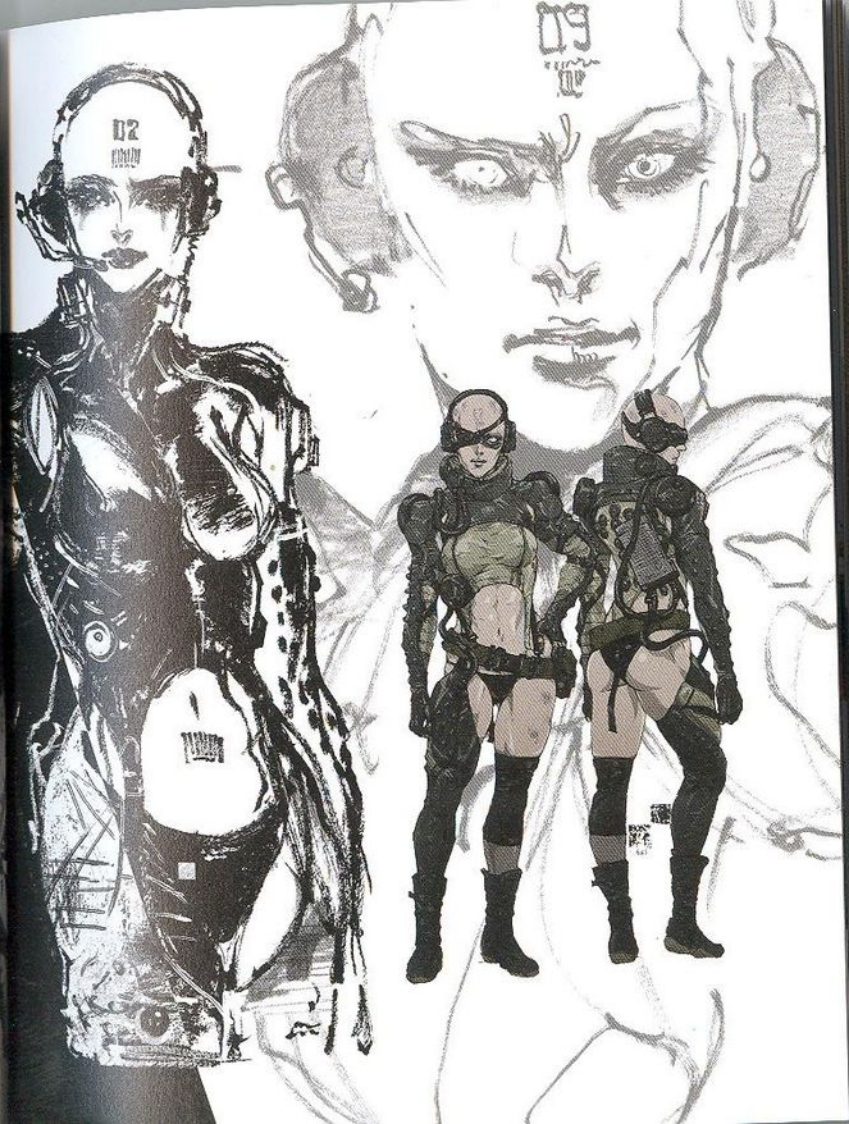
THE "SKULLS" PARASITE UNIT

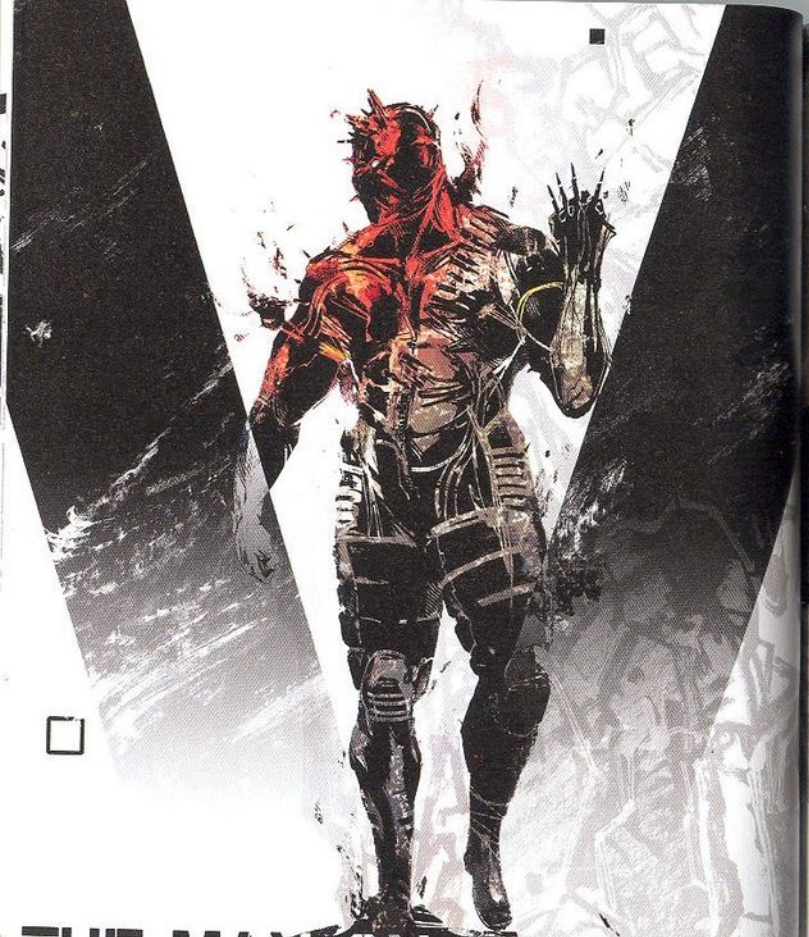
SKULL FACE'S ELITE COMBAT UNIT.
MEMBERS HAVE UNDERGONE SPECIAL TREATMENT TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE PHYSICAL ABILITIES LOST IN THE BATTLE.
THEY USE SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH TO ATTACK THEIR VICTIMS.



THE "SKULLS" PARASITE UNIT

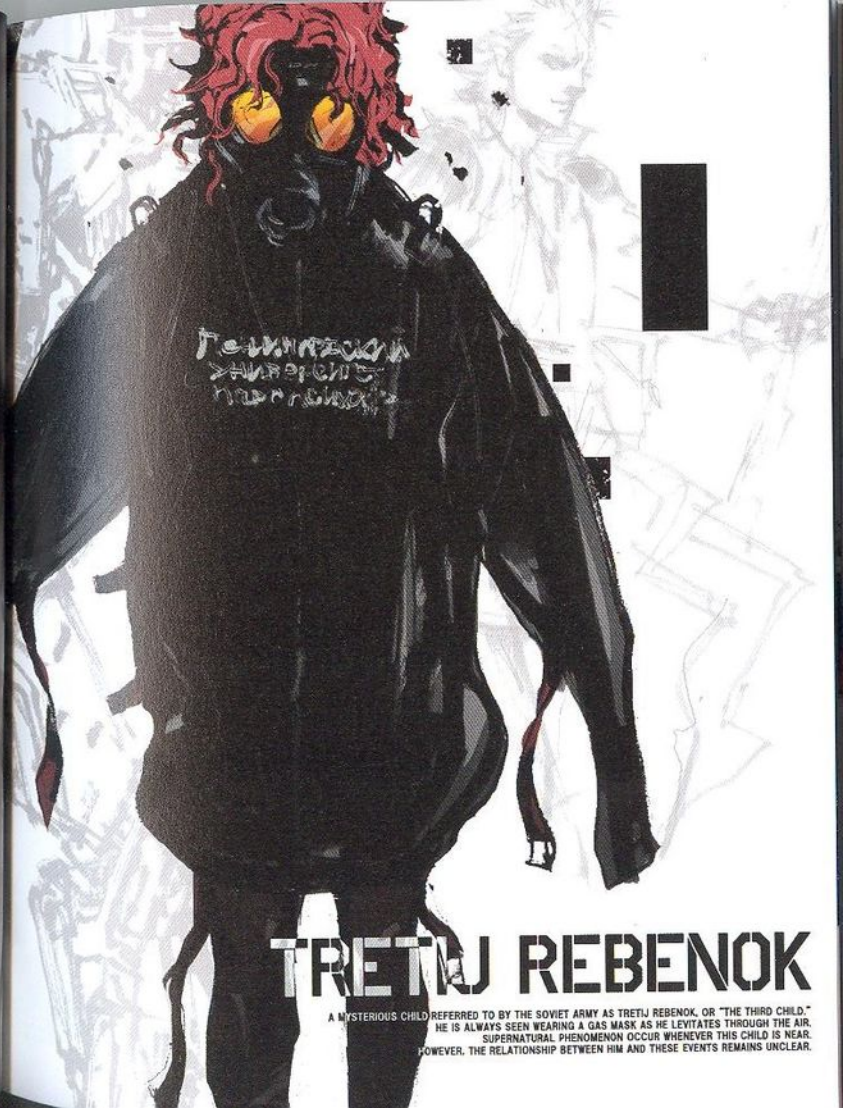
WHENEVER THE SKULLS APPEAR, THEY ARE ALWAYS SHROUDED IN A STRANGE MIST.
THEY USE THE MIST TO CONCEAL THEMSELVES, THEN POUNCE UPON THEIR PREY WITH ASTOUNDING SPEED.





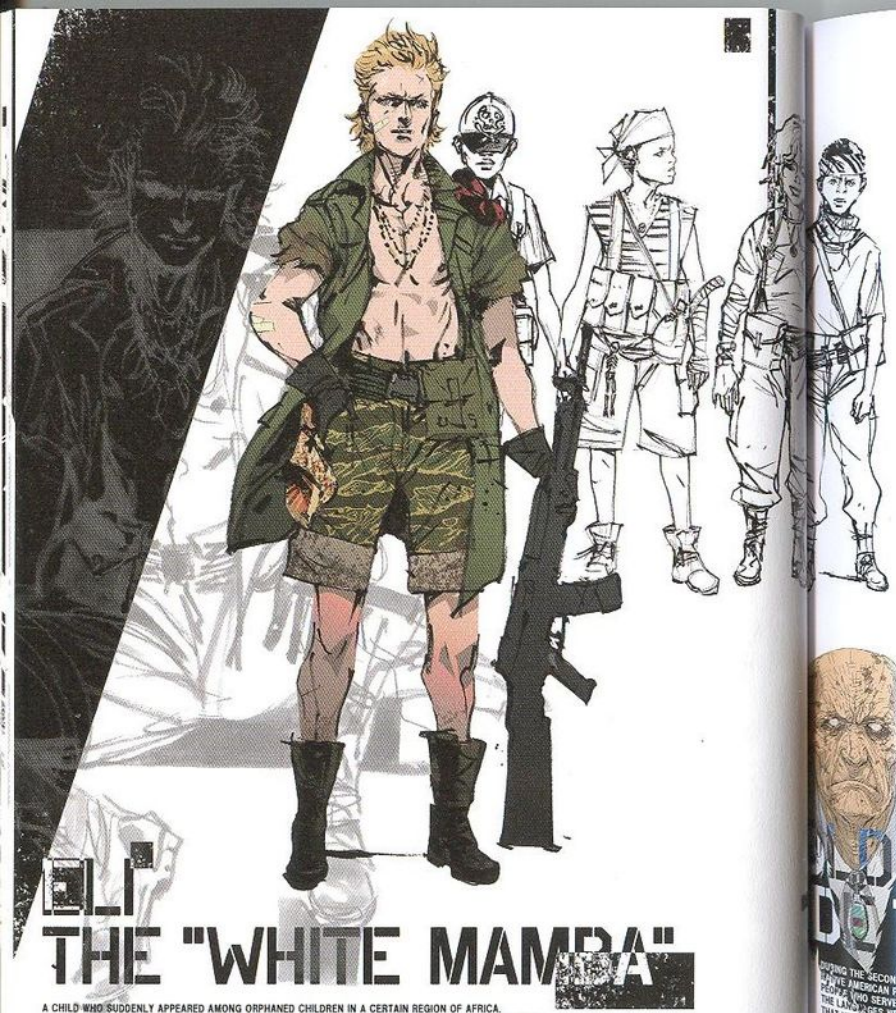
THE MAN ON FIRE

A GIANT MAN ENGULFED IN FLAMES, WHO REPEATEDLY APPEARS TO CONFRONT SNAKE.
REFERRED TO SIMPLY AS "THE MAN ON FIRE."
HIS BODY ABSORBS PROJECTILES AND HE IS ABLE TO BLAST THEM BACK AT ENEMIES IN RETALIATION.



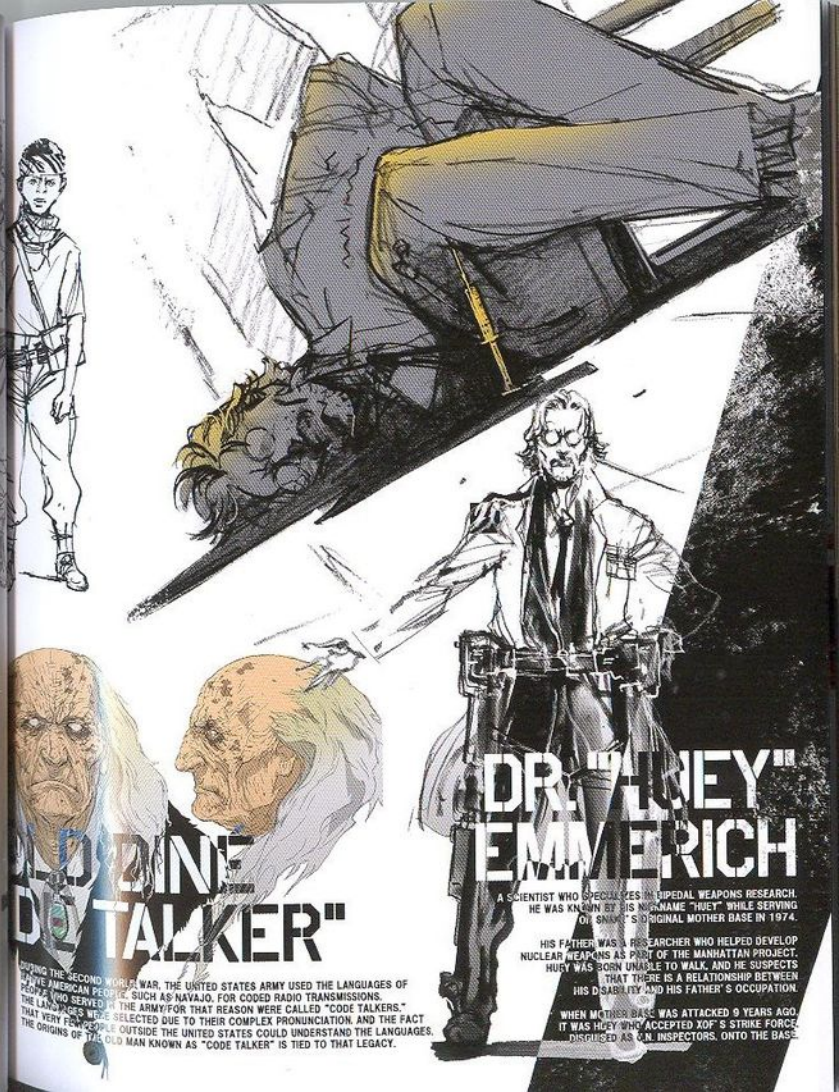
TRETIJ REBENOK

A MYSTERIOUS CHILD REFERRED TO BY THE SOVIET ARMY AS TRETIJ REBENOK, OR "THE THIRD CHILD."
HE IS ALWAYS SEEN WEARING A GAS MASK AS HE LEVITATES THROUGH THE AIR.
SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON OCCUR WHENEVER THIS CHILD IS NEAR.
HOWEVER, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND THESE EVENTS REMAINS UNCLEAR.



THE "WHITE MAMBA"

A CHILD WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED AMONG ORPHANED CHILDREN IN A CERTAIN REGION OF AFRICA.
DESPITE HIS YOUNG AGE, HE IS A BATTLE-HARDENED VETERAN WHO EXHIBITS SUPERIOR SKILLS IN COMBAT.
HE USES HIS SKILLS TO QUICKLY UNITE THE CHILDREN AROUND HIM INTO AN ARMY AND BECOMES THEIR COMMANDER.
HE IS REFERRED TO AS "NYOKA YA MPEMBE" (WHITE MAMBA) BY HIS COMRADES DUE TO HIS BLOND HAIR AND GREEN EYES.



DR. "HUEY" EMMERICH

A SCIENTIST WHO SPECIALIZES IN BIPEDAL WEAPONS RESEARCH.
HE WAS KNOWN BY HIS NICKNAME "HUEY" WHILE SERVING AT SNAKE'S ORIGINAL MOTHER BASE IN 1974.

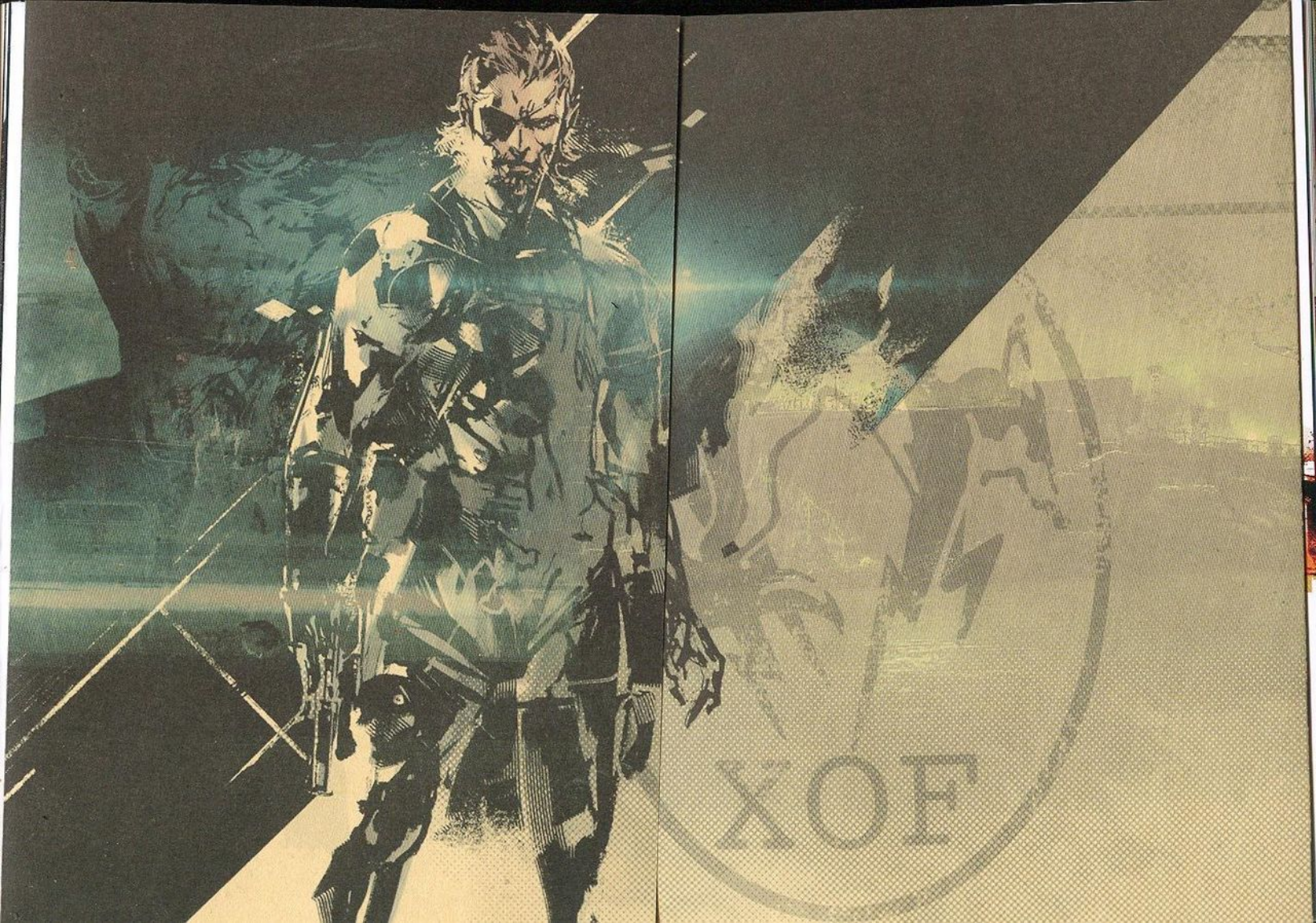
HIS FATHER WAS A RESEARCHER WHO HELPED DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS PART OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT.
HUEY WAS BORN UNABLE TO WALK, AND HE SUSPECTS THAT THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS DISABILITY AND HIS FATHER'S OCCUPATION.

WHEN MOTHER BASE WAS ATTACKED 9 YEARS AGO, IT WAS HUEY WHO ACCEPTED XOF'S STRIKE FORCE, DISGUISED AS U.N. INSPECTORS, ONTO THE BASE.

"CODE TALKER"

DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE UNITED STATES ARMY USED THE LANGUAGES OF
NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SUCH AS NAVAJO, FOR CODED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.
THE PEOPLE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY FOR THAT REASON WERE CALLED "CODE TALKERS."
THE LANGUAGES WERE SELECTED DUE TO THEIR COMPLEX PRONUNCIATION, AND THE FACT
THAT VERY FEW PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES COULD UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGES.
THE ORIGINS OF THE OLD MAN KNOWN AS "CODE TALKER" IS TIED TO THAT LEGACY.

KEPT YOU WAITING. HUH?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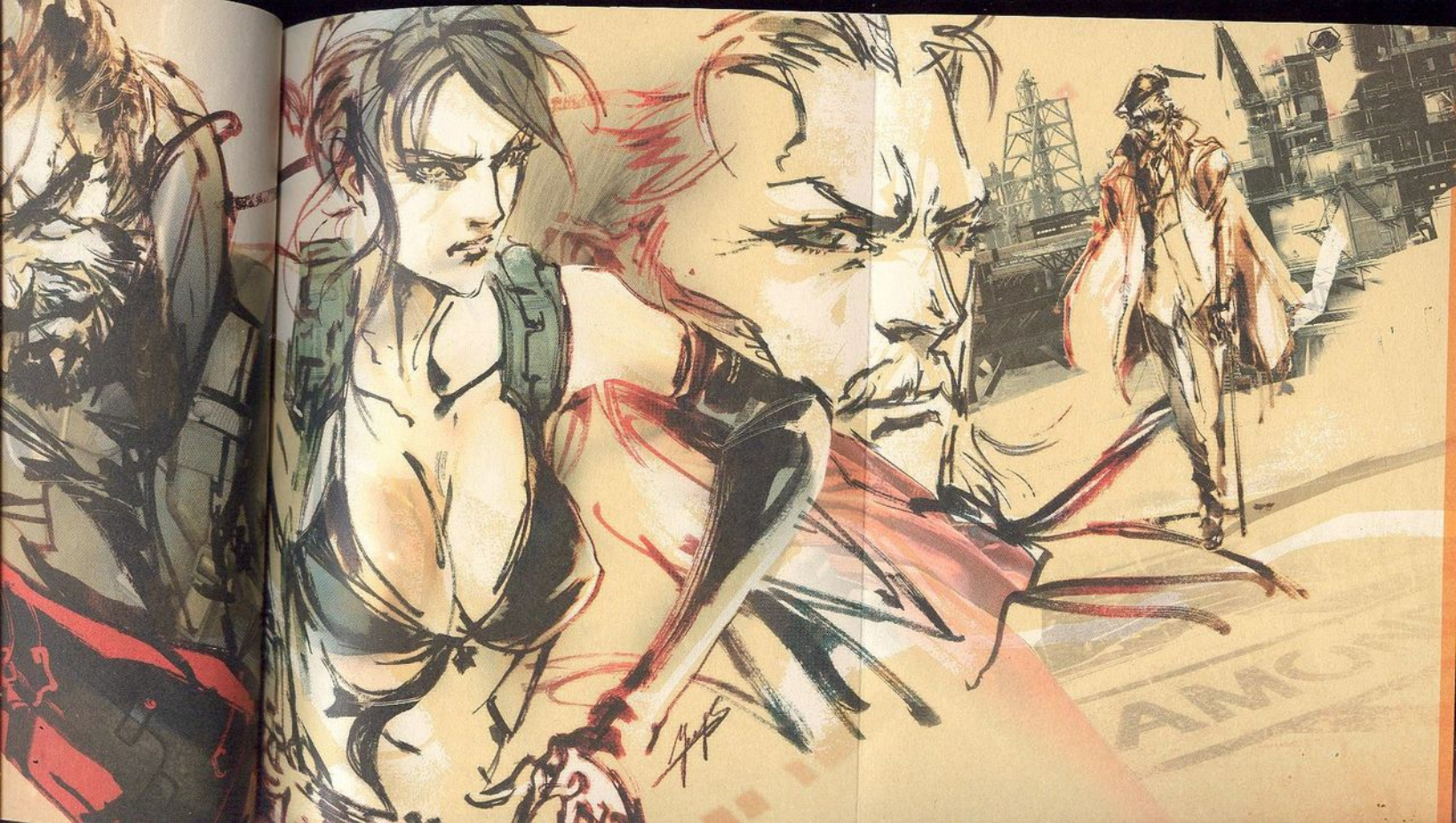

BLACK SITE – NICE.
A SLICE OF AMERICAN PIE ON COMMUNIST SOIL,
AND OUT OF U.S. LEGAL JURISDICTION.

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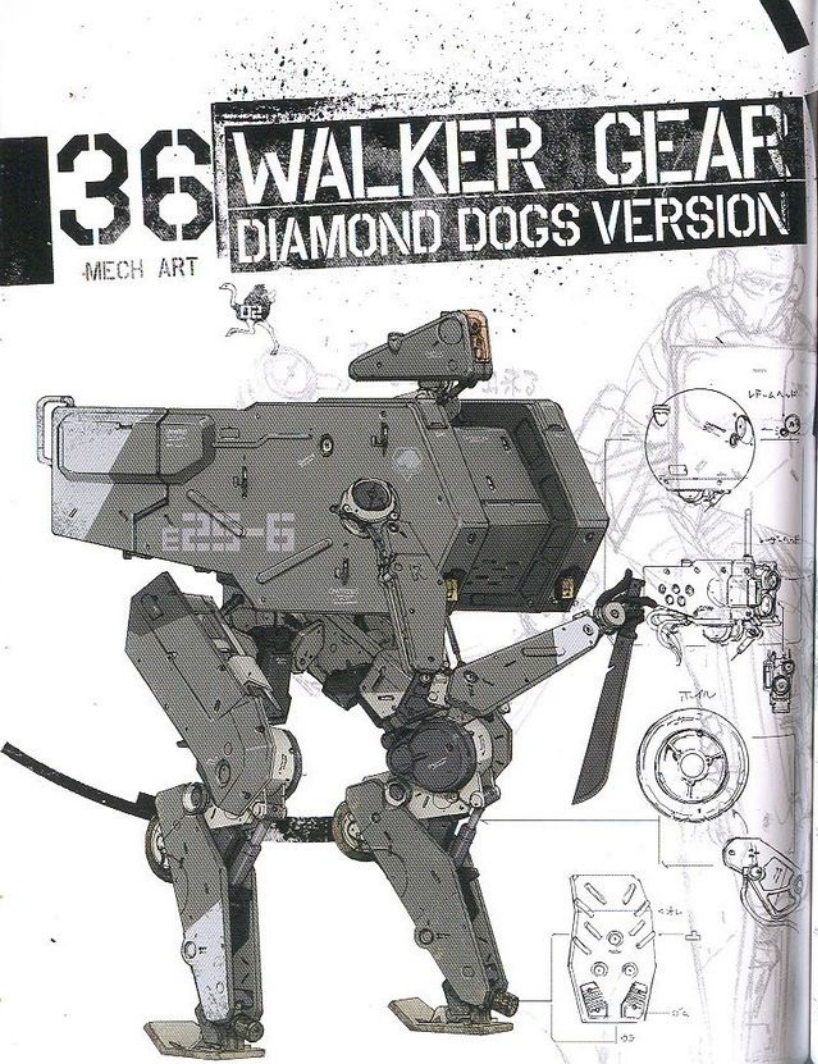
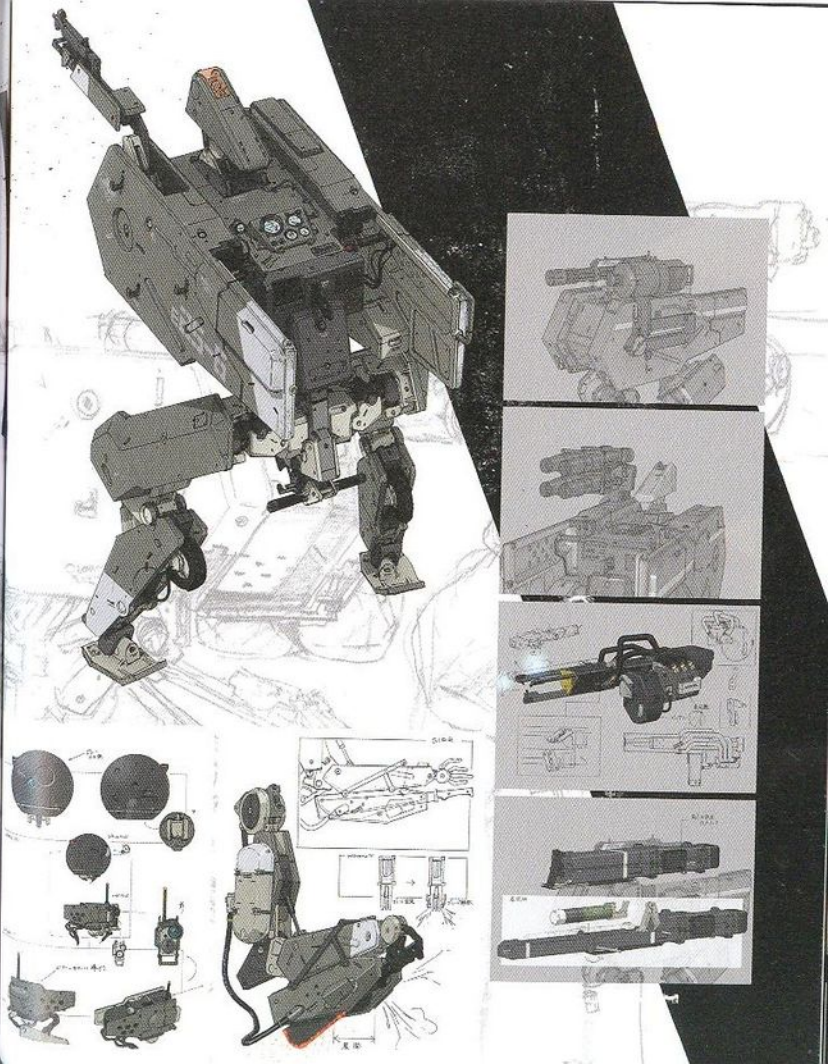
DIAMOND DOGS VERSION

MECH ART





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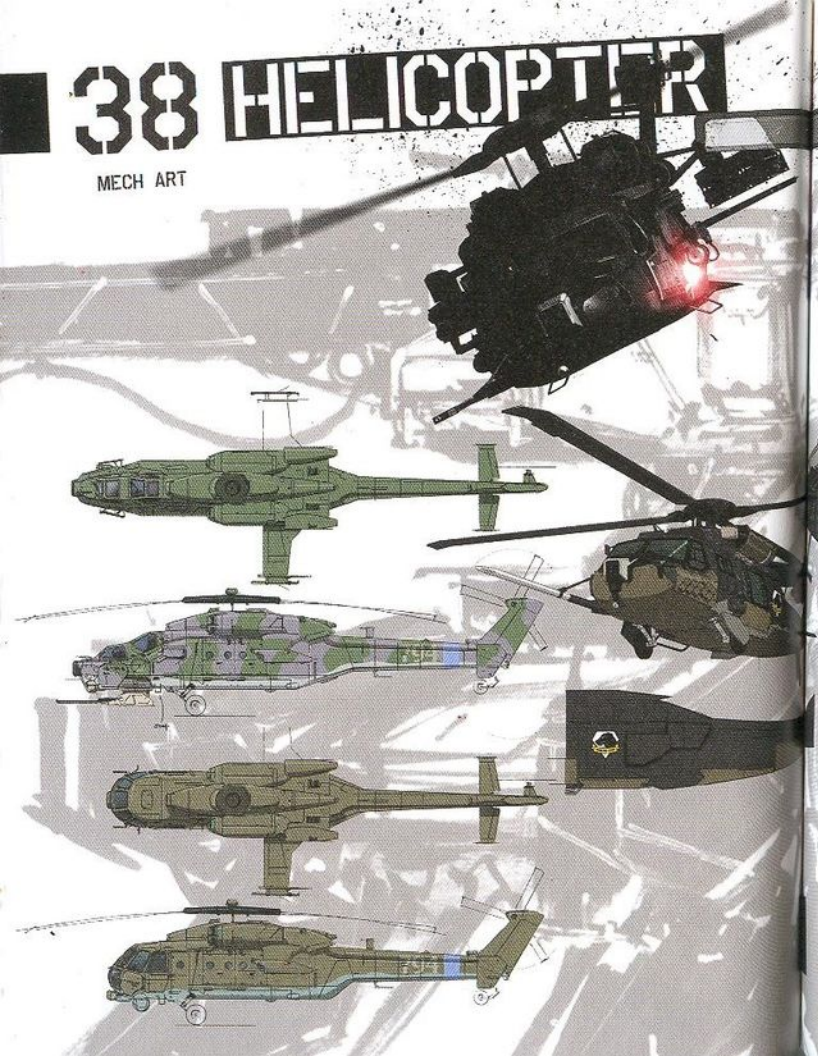
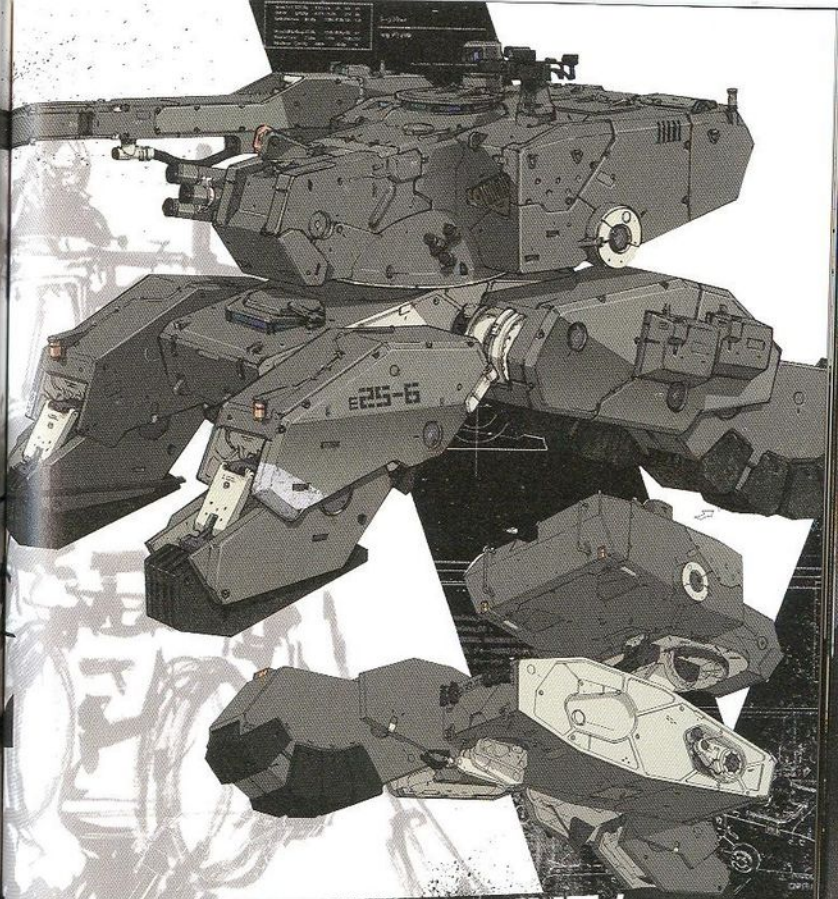
MECH ART





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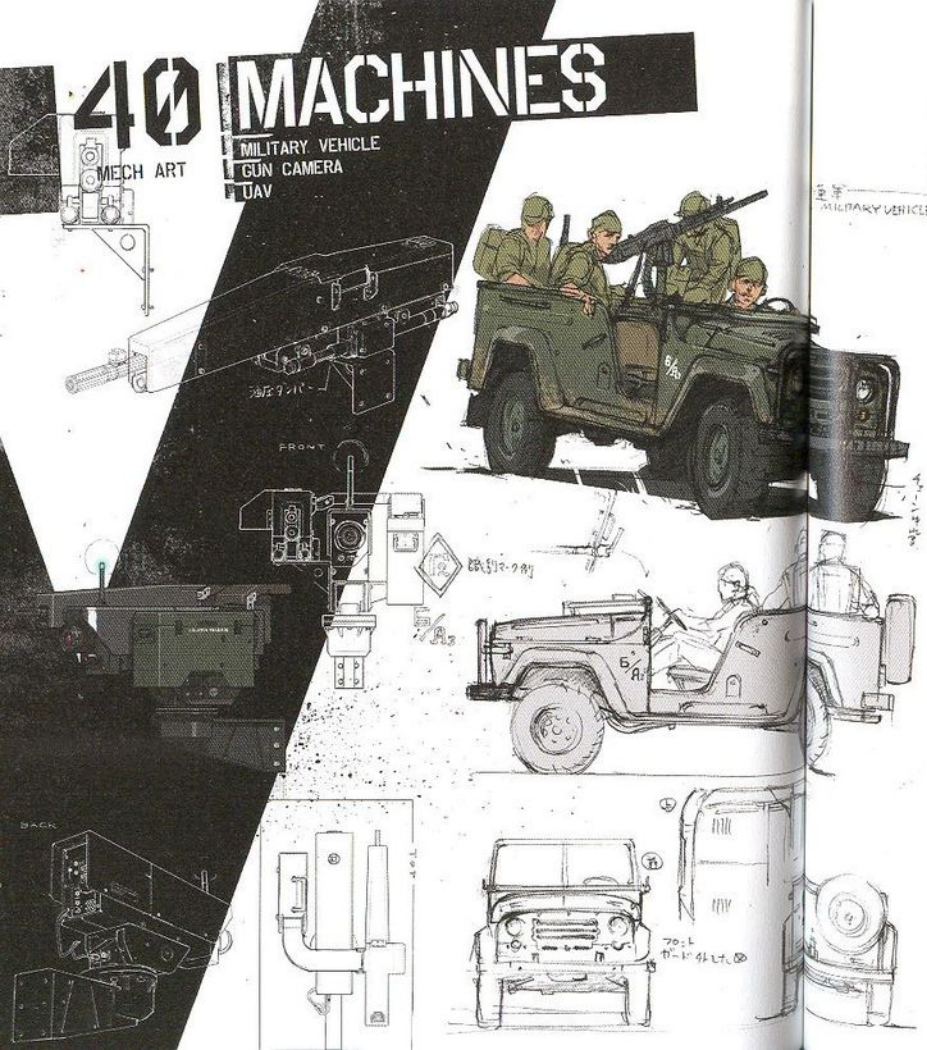
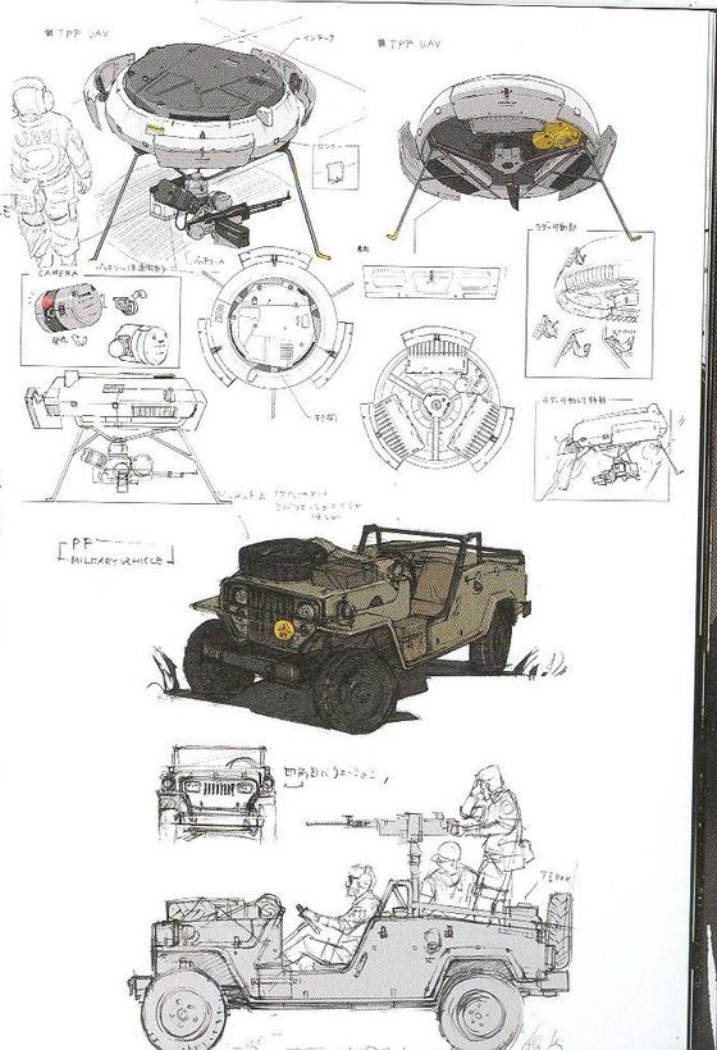
MECH ART

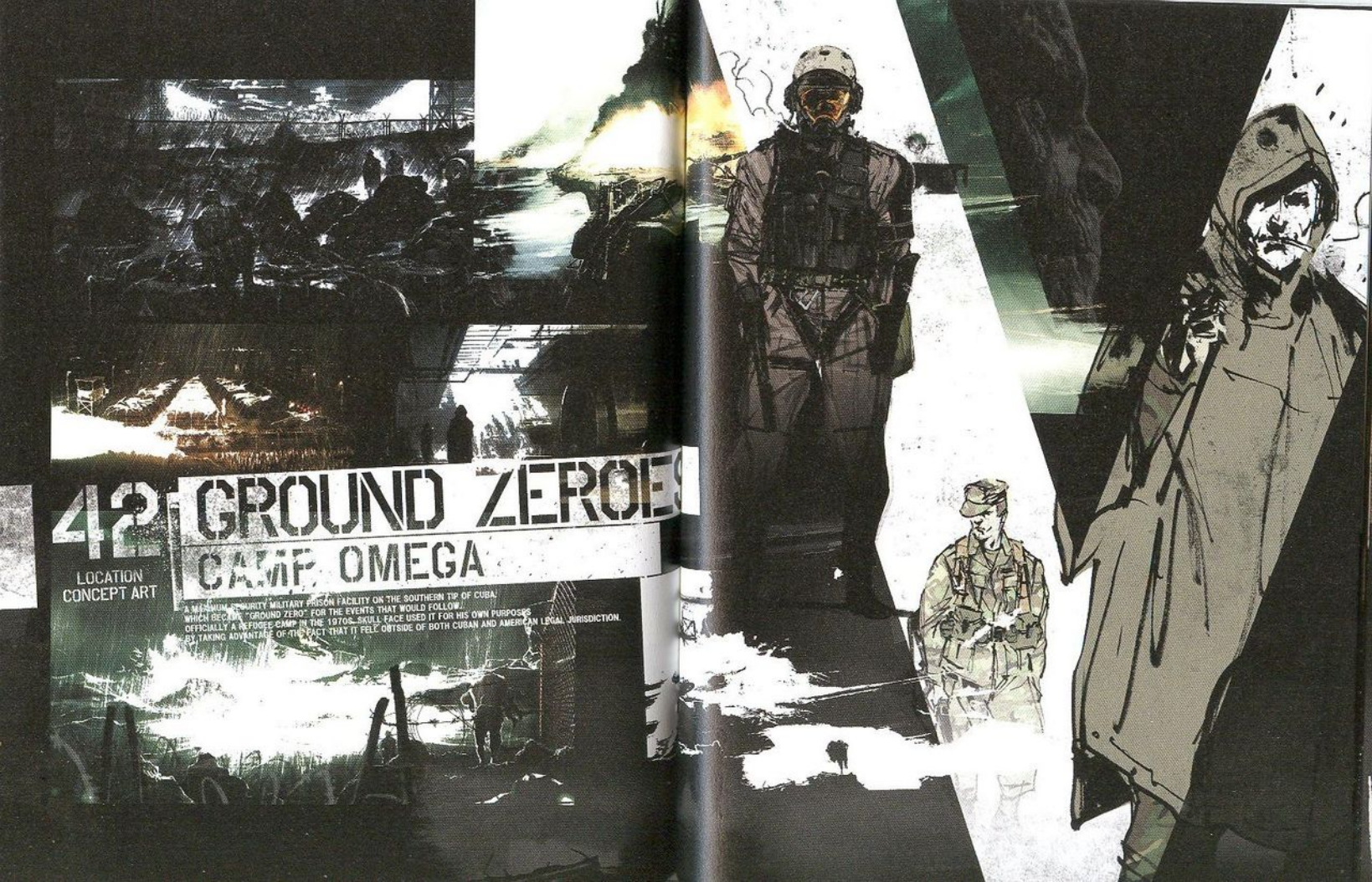
40 MACHINES

MECH ART

MILITARY VEHICLE
GUN CAMERA
UAV



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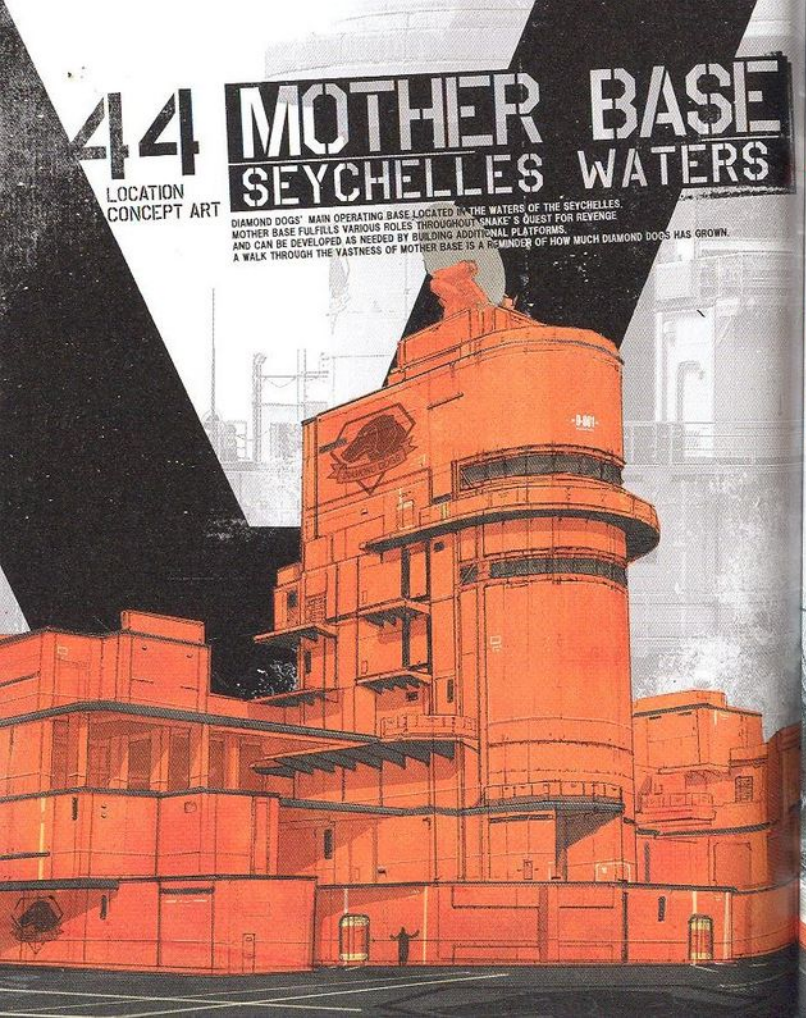
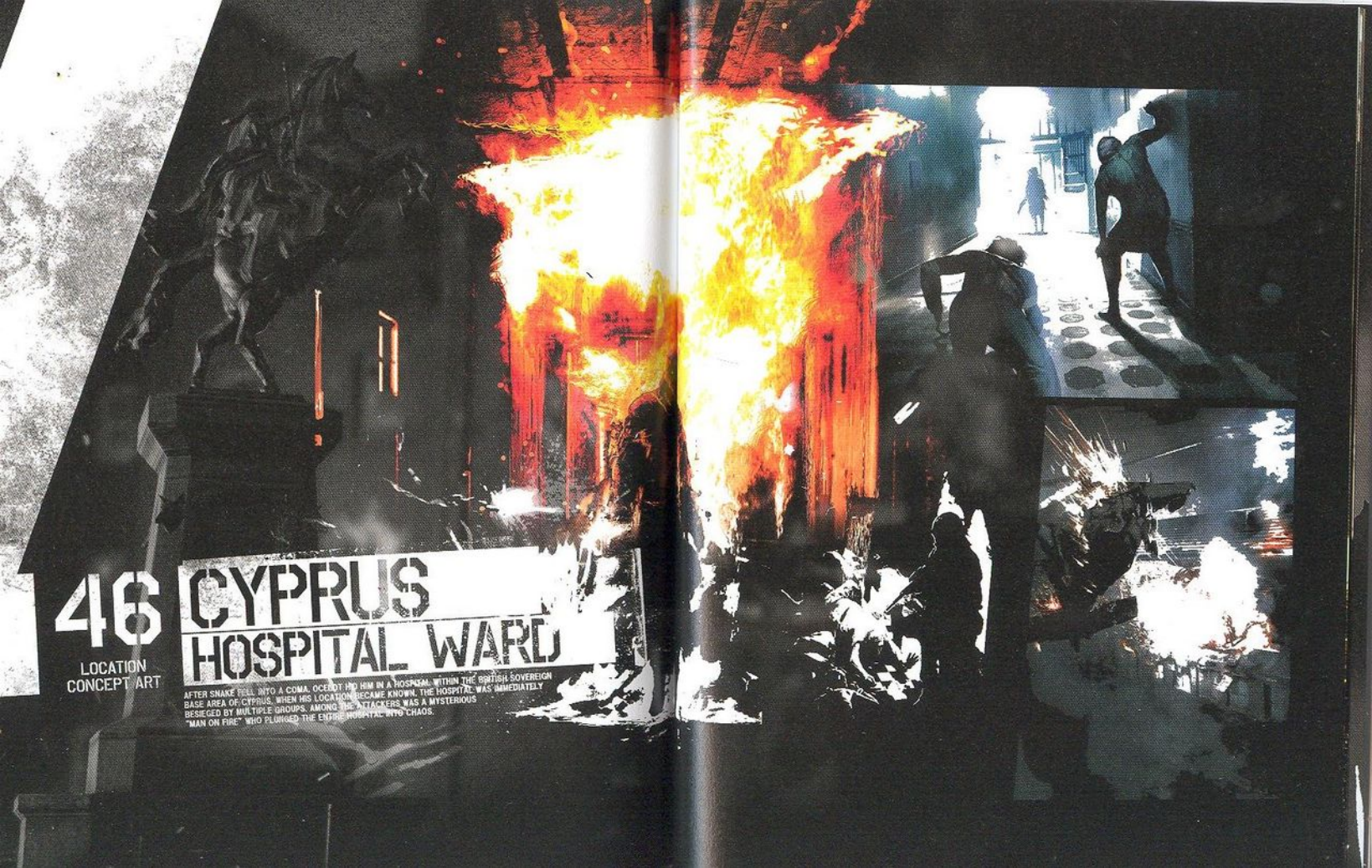
LOCATION
CONCEPT ART
GROUND ZERO
CAMP OMEGA
A MAXIMUM SECURITY MILITARY PRISON FACILITY ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF CUBA
WHICH BECAME "GROUND ZERO" FOR THE EVENTS THAT WOULD FOLLOW.
OFFICIALLY A REFUGEE CAMP IN THE 1970S, SKULL FACE USED IT FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES
BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT IT FELL OUTSIDE OF BOTH CUBAN AND AMERICAN LEGAL JURISDICTION.

44 MOTHER BASE
SEYCHELLES WATERS

LOCATION CONCEPT ART

DIAMOND DOGS' MAIN OPERATING BASE LOCATED IN THE WATERS OF THE SEYCHELLES.
MOTHER BASE FULFILLS VARIOUS ROLES THROUGHOUT SNAKE'S QUEST FOR REVENGE
AND CAN BE DEVELOPED AS NEEDED BY BUILDING ADDITIONAL PLATFORMS.
A WALK THROUGH THE VASTNESS OF MOTHER BASE IS A REMINDER OF HOW MUCH DIAMOND DOGS HAS GROWN.





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LOCATION
CONCEPT ART

CYPRUS
HOSPITAL WARD

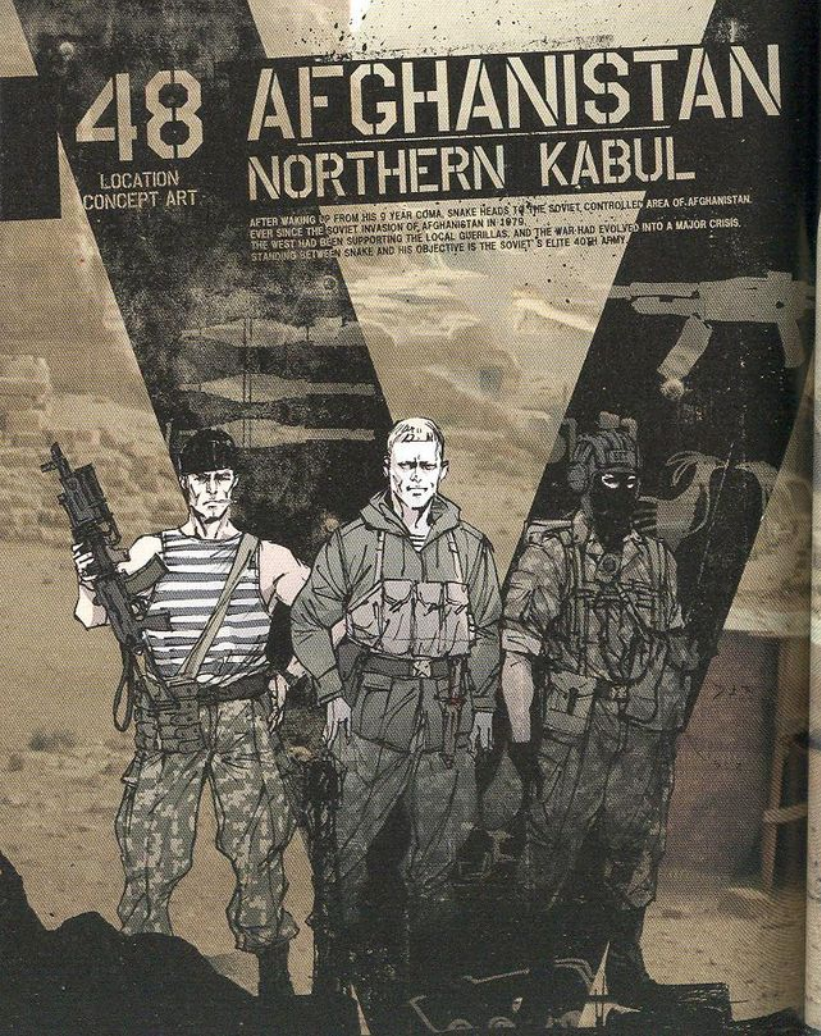
AFTER SNAKE FELL INTO A COMA, OCELOT HID HIM IN A HOSPITAL WITHIN THE BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE AREA OF CYPRUS. WHEN HIS LOCATION BECAME KNOWN, THE HOSPITAL WAS IMMEDIATELY BESIEGED BY MULTIPLE GROUPS. AMONG THE ATTACKERS WAS A MYSTERIOUS "MAN ON FIRE" WHO PLUNGED THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL INTO CHAOS.

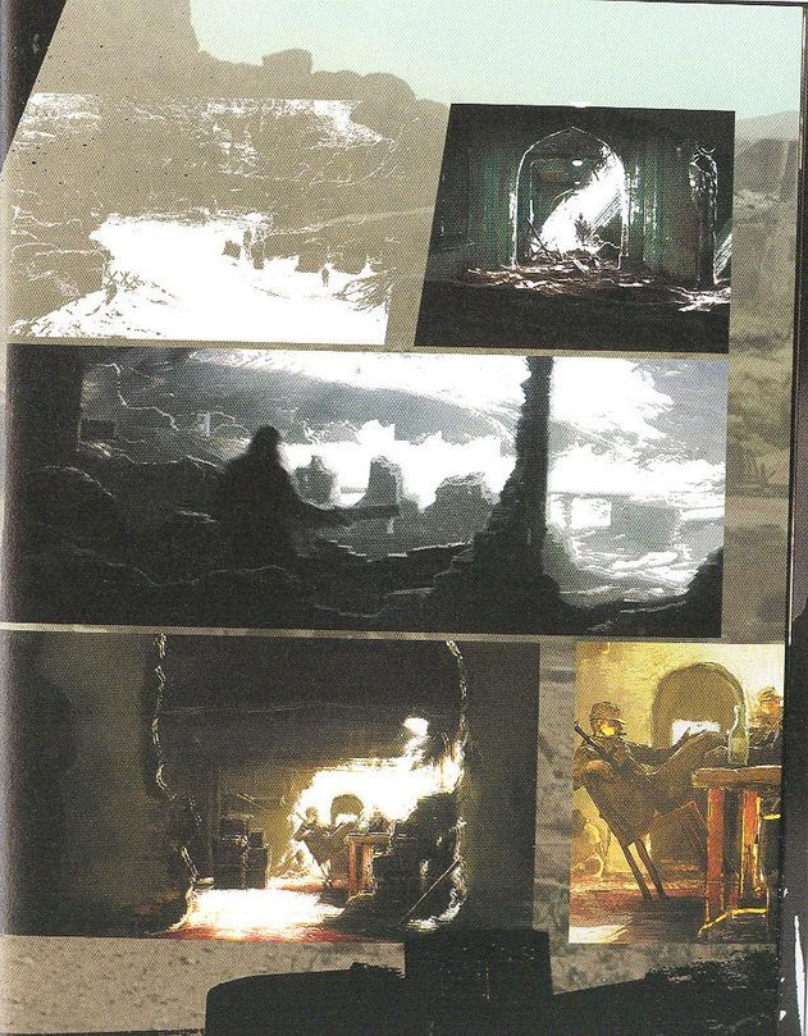
48 AFGHANISTAN

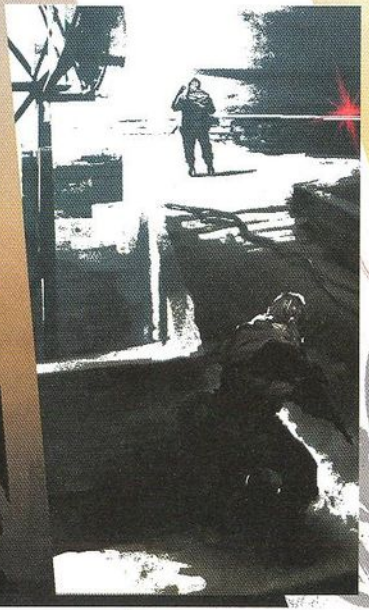
NORTHERN KABUL

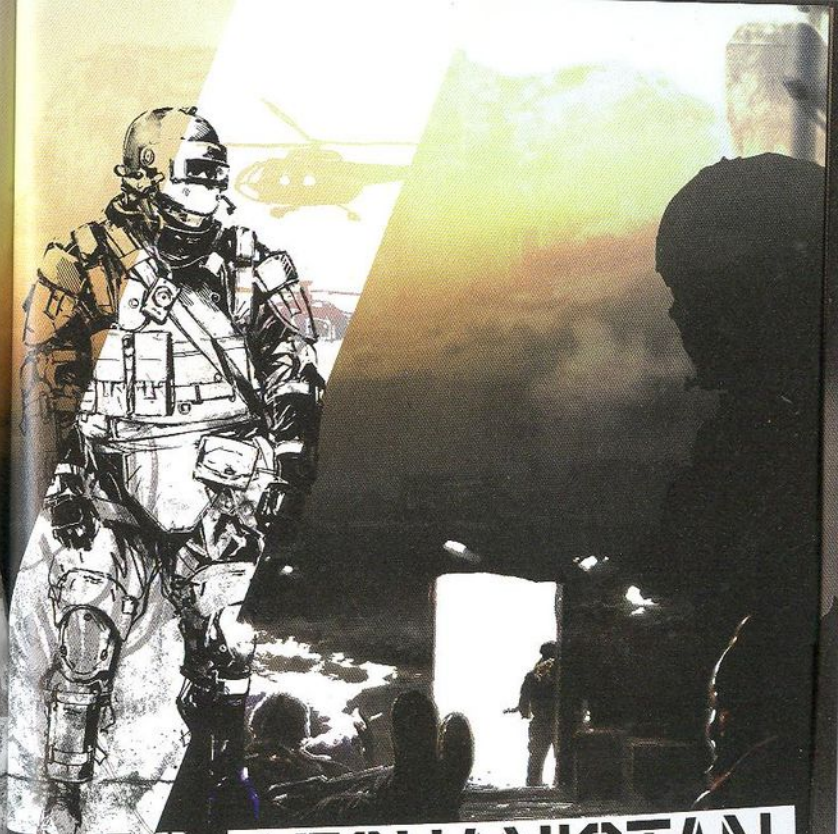
LOCATION CONCEPT ART

AFTER WAKING UP FROM HIS 9 YEAR COMA, SNAKE HEADS TO THE SOVIET CONTROLLED AREA OF AFGHANISTAN. EVER SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN IN 1979, THE WEST HAD BEEN SUPPORTING THE LOCAL GUERILLAS, AND THE WAR HAD EVOLVED INTO A MAJOR CRISIS. STANDING BETWEEN SNAKE AND HIS OBJECTIVE IS THE SOVIET'S ELITE 40TH ARMY.









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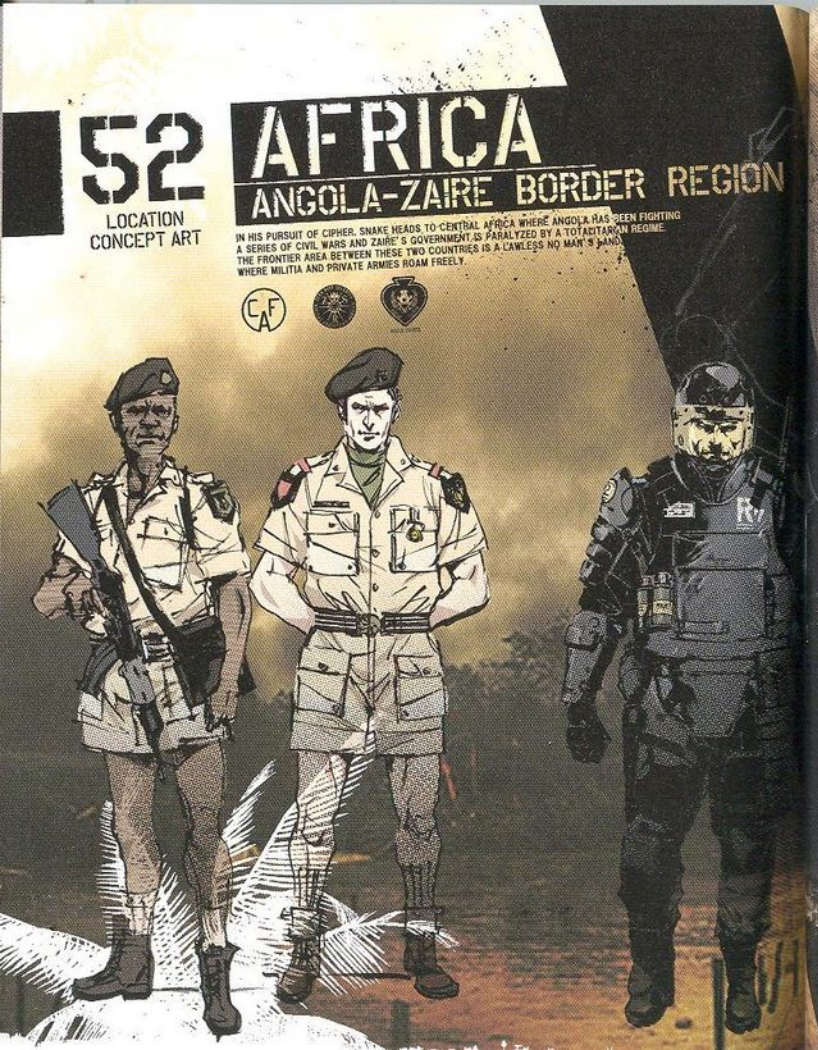
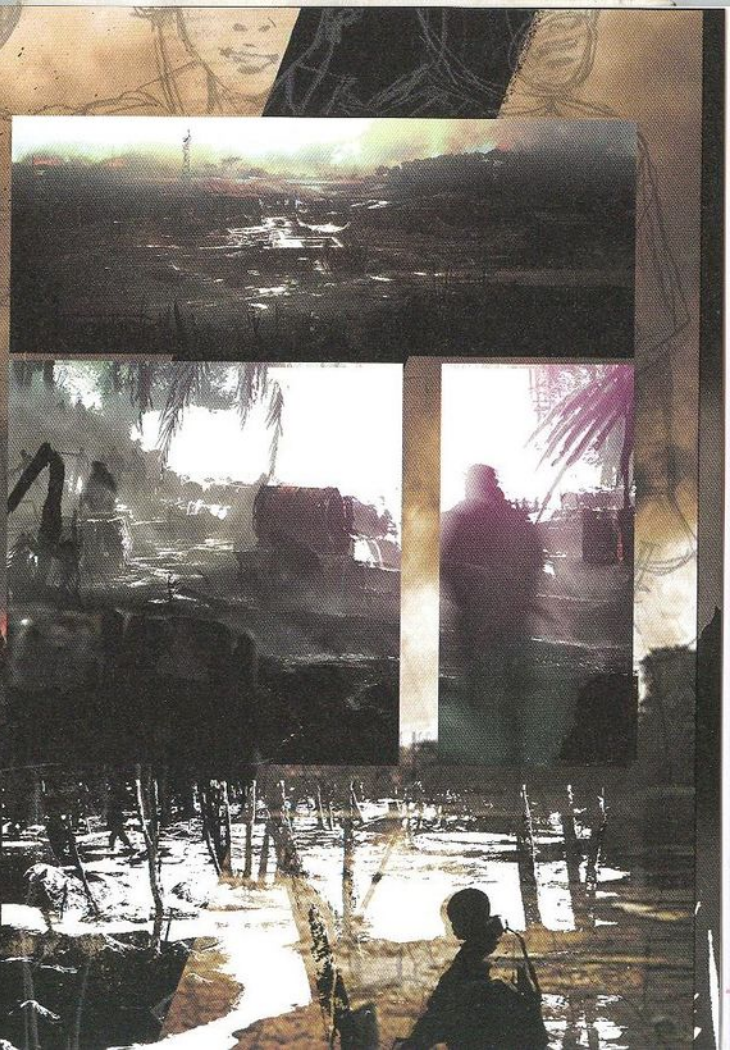
CONCEPT ART

AFRICA

ANGOLA-ZAIRE BORDER REGION

IN HIS PURSUIT OF CIPHER, SNAKE HEADS TO CENTRAL AFRICA WHERE ANGOLA HAS BEEN FIGHTING A SERIES OF CIVIL WARS AND ZAIRE'S GOVERNMENT IS PARALYZED BY A TOTALITARIAN REGIME. THE FRONTIER AREA BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES IS A LAWLESS NO MAN'S LAND WHERE MILITIA AND PRIVATE ARMIES ROAM FREELY.





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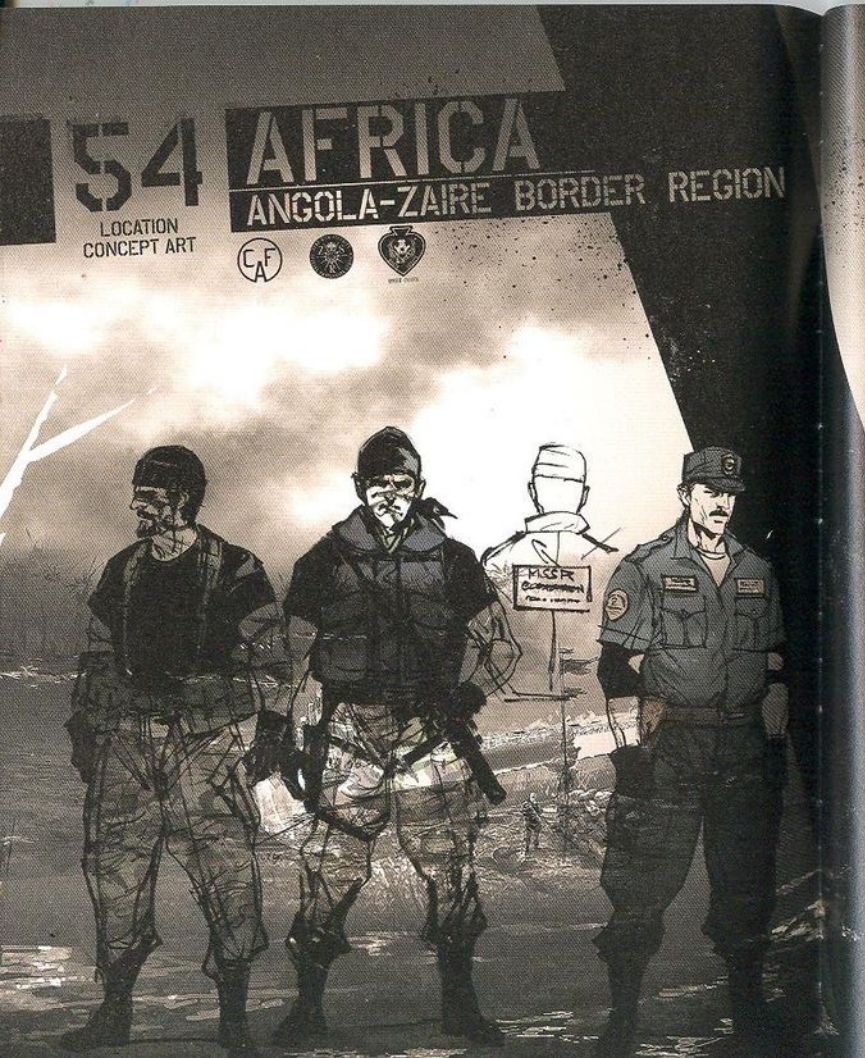

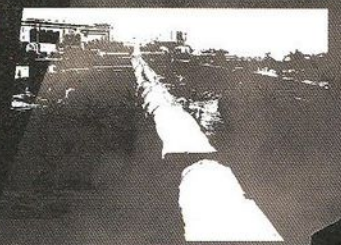

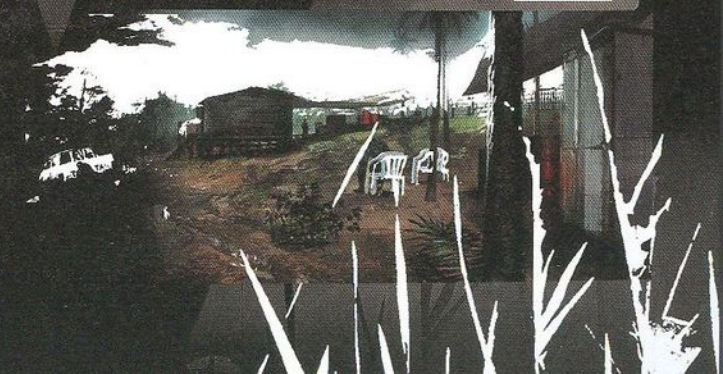

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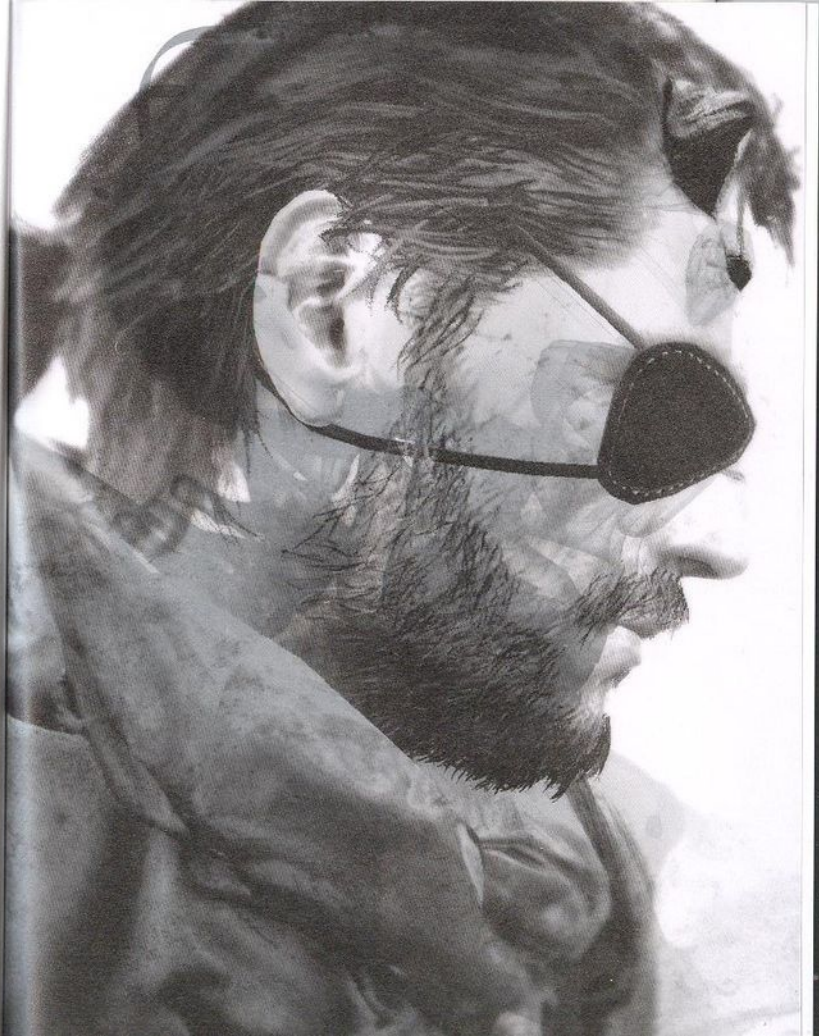

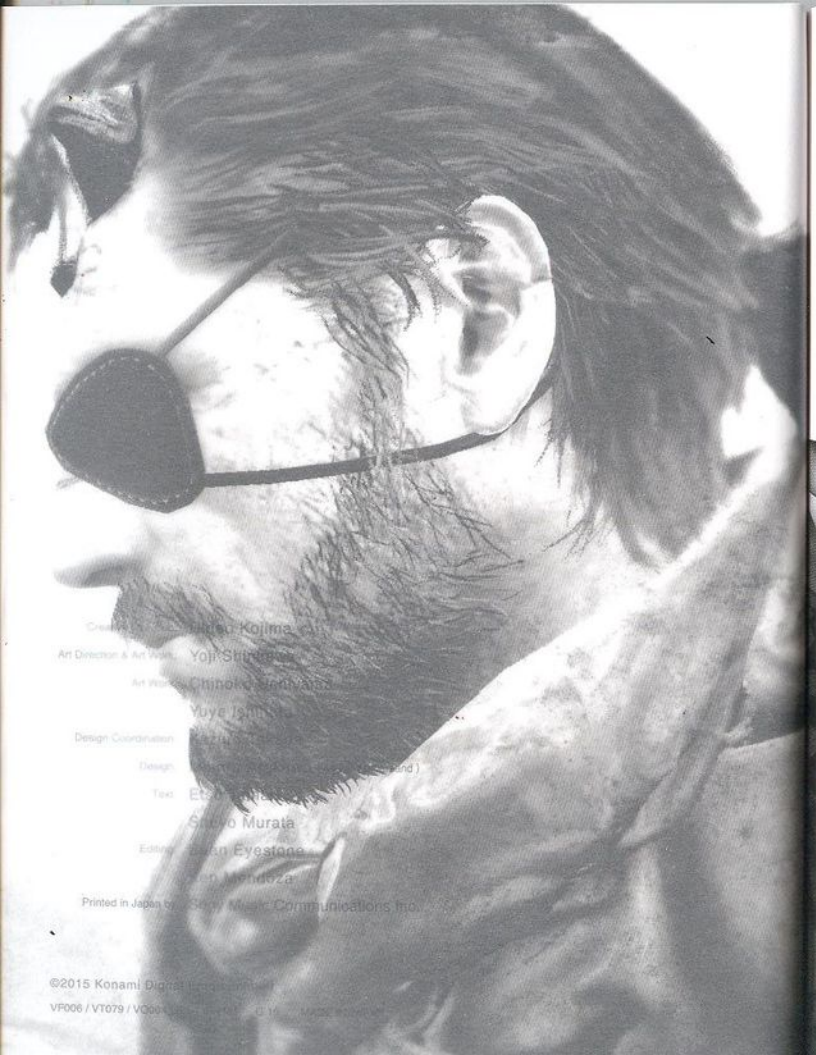

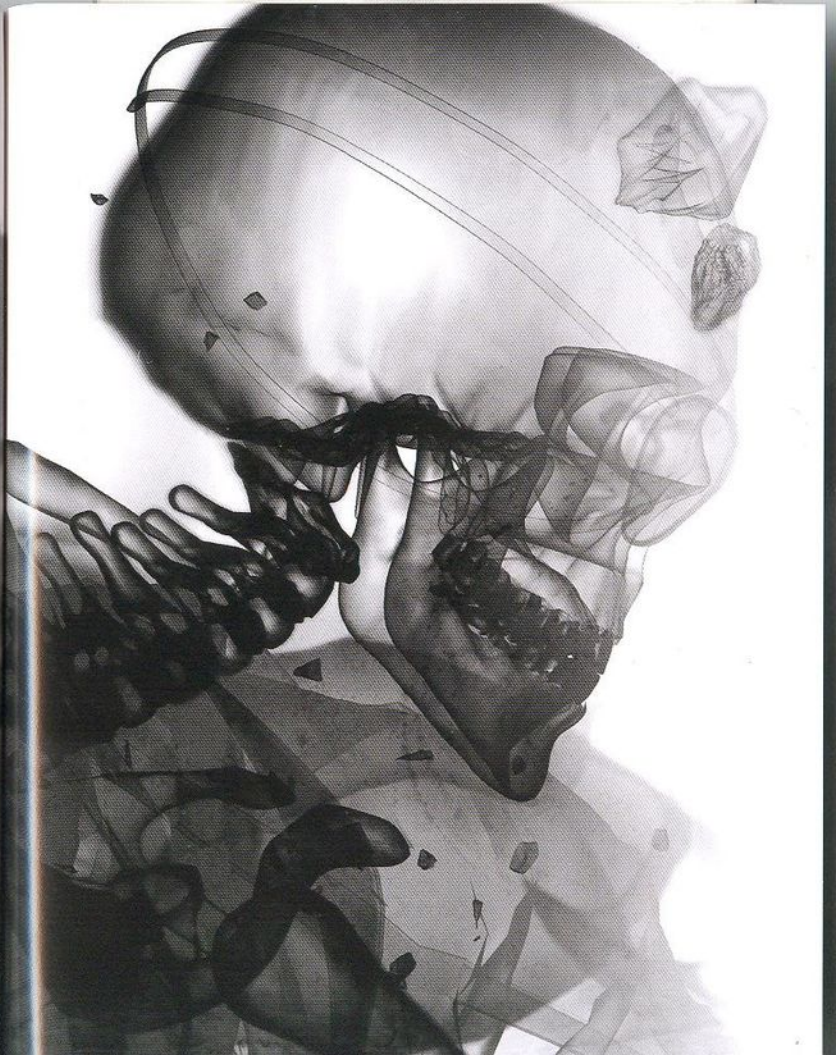

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